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TIME-TABLE.

WEEK DAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.50	7.10
Yau-mat	Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.59	7.19
Shatin	Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	6.11	7.31
Tai-po	Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.48	5.09	6.24	7.44
Tai-po Market	Dep.	7.31	9.59	11.14	12.44	2.03	5.24	6.39	7.59
Fanning	Dep.	7.36	10.05	11.20	12.50	2.07	5.28	6.43	8.03
Shum-chun	Dep.	7.36	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.43	8.03
Shum-chun	Arr.	7.42	10.15	11.30	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.49	8.09

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	Dep.	8.40	8.55	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.25	5.29	7.10
Yau-mat	Dep.	8.50	9.05	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.35	7.19
Shatin	Dep.	9.02	9.17	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.37	5.41	7.31
Tai-po	Dep.	9.16	9.31	9.50	11.04	12.34	2.49	5.53	7.44
Tai-po Market	Dep.	9.31	9.46	10.05	11.14	12.44	3.01	6.05	7.59
Fanning	Dep.	9.36	9.51	10.10	11.20	12.50	3.05	6.09	7.59
Shum-chun	Dep.	9.36	9.51	10.10	11.20	12.50	3.05	6.09	7.59
Shum-chun	Arr.	9.42	9.57	10.16	11.26	12.56	3.11	6.15	8.05

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	Dep.	8.40	8.55	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.25	5.29	7.10
Yau-mat	Dep.	8.50	9.05	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.35	7.19
Shatin	Dep.	9.02	9.17	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.37	5.41	7.31
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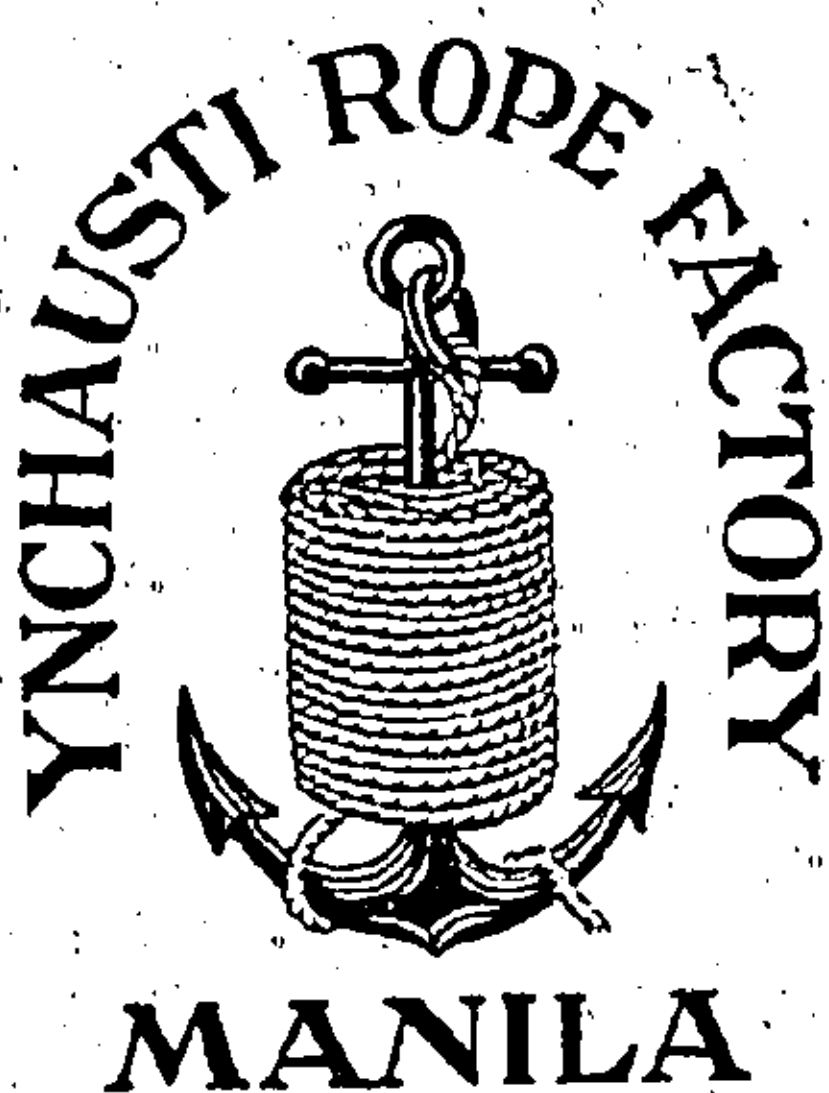
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COMPANY MEETING.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LIMITED.

The annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., was held at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

Mr. Henry Humphreys (Chairman) presided and there were present: Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Patten, J. M. Alves, the Very Rev. Father Robert and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (Directors), and the following shareholders: Messrs. L. S. Greenhill, C. Bulmer Johnson, J. D. Humphreys and D. E. Clark.

The CHAIRMAN, proposing the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts together with the auditors' report have been in your hands for the past fortnight so with your permission I will take them as read.

For the second year in succession we have no profits to record under the heading of sales of property. The net profit for the period under review shows an increase of \$2,221.59 compared with that of the previous year and the amount we propose to carry forward is larger, viz. \$98,729.14 as against \$93,579.94 for the year 1924. The accounts are simply itself and call for very little explanation. The item Fire and Earthquake Premium is bigger than usual because it includes for the first time earthquake risk and fire caused by earthquake. Accounts Receivable consist almost entirely of outstanding rents and Sundry Creditors of amounts due to General Managers, Directors, Auditors and depositors.

I have no further remarks to make. Gentlemen, but if any shareholders have any questions to ask I shall be pleased to answer them.

Mr. L. S. GREENHILL seconded the adoption of the report and accounts.

There being no questions, the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the re-election of Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Patten, J. M. Alves, the Very Rev. Father Robert and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang as Directors of the Company.

This was seconded by Mr. C. BULMER JOHNSON and unanimously agreed to.

On the proposition of Mr. D. E. CLARK, seconded by Mr. J. D. HUMPHREYS, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead & Davis were re-elected as the auditors, at a remuneration of \$250.

The CHAIRMAN: That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

MISS O'KEEFE'S PUPILS.

THE SECOND DANCING DISPLAY.

At the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, Miss Daisy O'Keefe's pupils gave another dancing display, and if anything, were more successful than on the previous occasion. They had benefited from the previous performance, and what slight faults were committed then, were entirely eliminated on Saturday night. The attendance was also much larger than it was on Thursday last.

Miss O'Keefe in Sibellus' "Valse Triste" captured the audience with her wonderful interpretation. The "carnival," the Cotter's dance, the Irish jig and the Dutch dance, as well as the songs sung by Mrs. S. Minnie, and the study in eurythmics, were the items, which were most enthusiastically received and applauded.

Mrs. Suiter, ably presided at the piano.

The proceeds of the display were in aid of Earl Haig's Fund.

A MANILA MURDER SENSATION.

PRESIDENT APPROVES DEATH SENTENCE ON ARMY OFFICER.

Associated Press Radio Message from Washington to Manila, dated the 11th inst., says:—

President Coolidge's formal approval to-day of the death sentence of Lieutenant John S. Thompson now confined at Fort William McKinley, for the murder of Miss Audrey Burleigh, a seventeen-year-old girl, is a precedent in the history of the American system of military justice.

Thompson is the first American officer convicted in peace time of murder and ordered to forfeit his life.

Not until 1918 did the articles of war authorize a court-martial trial of persons in the military establishment for crimes punishable by death. In that year the 58th Article of War under which Thompson has found guilty was revised to make possible such procedure. A search of War Department records failed to bring forth a similar case.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rueury, February 20th.
To-day's exchange rates are as follows:—

Paris	125 1/2
New York	4 9/16
Brussels	103.66
Geneva	95.25
Amsterdam	113 1/4
Milan	191
Berlin	90.43
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.73
Oslo	32.2
Vienna	34.54
Prague	184 1/2

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FEBRUARY 20TH, 1926.

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Chartered Bank	211 1/2 nom.
Mercantile Bank A. & B.	211 1/2 nom.
Do. C.	211 1/2 nom.
P. & O. Bank	211 1/2 nom.
East Asia Bank	211 1/2 nom.
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China Underwriters	\$2 nom.
North China Insurance	Tls. 145 nom.
Union Insurance	\$28 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$24 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$185 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$125 buy.
Donghai	\$10 sel.
H.K. & S. Steamboats	\$104 buy, 21 sel.
Hongkong Tea	\$3 sel.
Indo-China (Indo)	\$33 nom.
Do. (Def.)	\$30 sel.
Shell Transport	\$23 buy.
Star Ferry	\$33 buy.
Waterworks	\$18 buy.
Oriental Navigation	\$250 nom.
China Sugar	\$25 buy.
Malayan Sugar	\$39 sel.
Benguet	\$14 nom.
Kailash Mining Ad.	\$47 1/2 buy.
Lat Pau (combined)	Tls. 23 buy.
Anglo (single)	Tls. 13 nom.
Shanghai Explorations	Tls. 3 sel.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 7 nom.
Banque	Tls. 5 buy.
Trucon Mines	55 1/2 nom.
Ural Caspian	87 1/2 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$123 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$34 buy.
Hongkong	Tls. 12 buy.
New Engineering	Tls. 7 nom.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 108 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$81 buy, 81/30/34/81 sel.
Hongkong Land	\$64 sel.
Hongkong Realty (a.p.)	\$5 nom.
H.K. Territories (f.p.)	\$6 nom.
Humphreys Estates	\$18 sel.
Prince's Buildings	\$120 sel.
Rural Lands	\$7 sel.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 9 buy.
Oriental	Tls. 3 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 55 sel.
Do. (new)	Tls. 27 sel.
Amusements	\$11 buy.
Canton Ice	\$74 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$14 sel.
Do. (old)	\$13 nom.
Do. (new)	\$24 nom.
China Buses	Tls. 103 buy.
China Lights (combined)	\$14 buy.
Do. (old)	\$11 buy.
Do. (new)	\$7 buy.
China Privileges	\$77 1/2 nom.
Constellation	\$210 buy.
Der A. Wing (f.p.)	\$15 buy.
Hongkong Electric	\$54 buy, 54 sel.
Macao Electric	\$40 nom.
H.K. Developments	25 cts. nom.
H.K. Ropes (combined)	\$40 sel.
Do. (old)	\$134 nom.
Do. (new)	\$31 nom.
Hongkong Tramways	\$22 buy, 22 sel.
Lane Crawford	\$12 nom.
Macmillan	\$214 nom.
Peak Farms (old)	\$172 buy.
Do. (new) (f.p.)	\$7 nom.
Sincere	\$11 sel.
Taxis	\$4 sel.
United Asbestos	\$20 nom.
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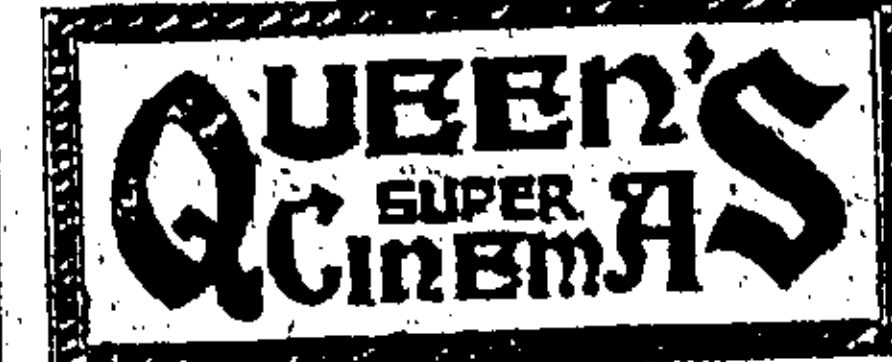
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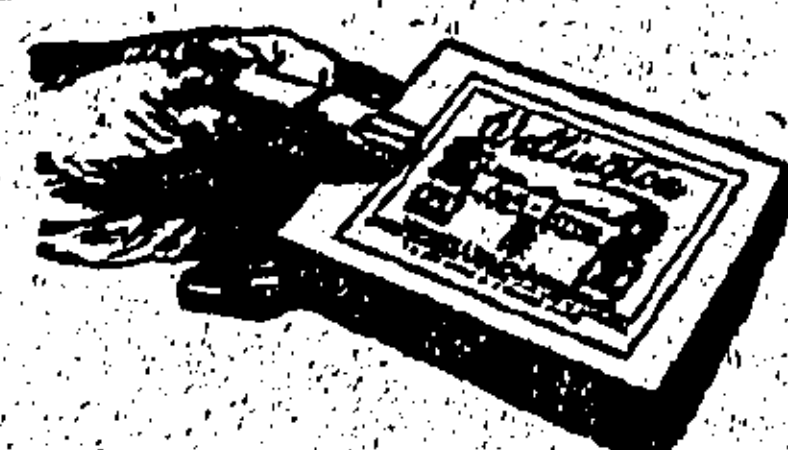
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CORRESPONDENCE.

"IF."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Not being a reader of newspapers, I was unaware that some infamous person has been making free with my name in public print.

It is true, as this person says, that I am new to the Colony. Being new to the Colony, I am curious to know just how far this person I have already alluded to, may be taken as a fair sample of the inhabitants of Hongkong. Is it a common sort of occurrence here to hold an inoffensive stranger up to public ridicule in the newspaper? I don't like it, and consider it extraordinarily offensive. However, it takes all sorts to make a world, and I can only presume that his person fulfils some purpose in the scheme of creation.

Now as regards this question, IF—over which the people in Hongkong seem to be getting all but under the collar. I certainly admit making the remarks, and airing the views attributed to me, but never dreaming that they would be blazoned about like this. Partly because I resent having my privacy forced, as has been done in this case, and partly because I don't want to be called a liar, I do not propose, at present anyhow, to give my solution of that problem in public. Perhaps if this unpleasant person, this ill-mannered boor, chooses to publish an apology in as public a manner as he published his original article, I may reconsider my decision.

I will say this, however, that if there was a Society of Psychological Research out here, I should be very pleased to submit all my experiences to them, and obtain their opinion on a subject which I may say without undue boasting, must be unique.

Most of us have heard of Eastern Magic, which is referred to, usually, in a condescending manner, and with a tolerant smile.

What happened in my case was that I was having a discussion with an Eastern friend of mine, Ali by name, on this very question which has been under discussion. He smilingly asked me whether I personally would go back ten years, and the condition laid down. I jokingly said I certainly would. I, hereupon, by some means unfathomable by our materialistic philosophy, was suddenly transported backwards in time to the trivial incident mentioned by your correspondent. More than that I decline to say. The reason for my refusal is, as I said before, I dislike being called a liar, or being held up to ridicule, particularly by people I don't know; and from my brief and unhappy experience of correspondents in this part of the world, I have no doubt whatever, that if I was to state the bare facts of my experiences, I should immediately and unceremoniously suffer from both indignities. If any earnest enquirer into these esoteric questions cares to know more, he is at liberty to communicate with me, and I will do my best to enlarge on my experiences in as interesting a manner as possible.—Yours, etc.

JOHN BEAL.

SYMPATHY MISPLACED.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Since writing to you regarding Edward Harris, we have learnt from a most reliable source, that our sympathy has been misplaced, as he has had opportunities since he returned to the Colony.

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A DARING BURGLARY.

**WHITEAWAY'S PREMISES
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Once again, the business premises of Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co. have been the scene of a daring robbery, and the property stolen has been approximately assessed at \$1,800. It will be recalled that during last Chinese New Year thieves entered the establishment and decamped with goods valued at \$10,000.

The present burglary took place on Friday night, and it was discovered on Saturday morning, when Mr. Smith, the manager entered the shop, and found boxes and papers littered on the floor. A hurried examination was made, and it was found that a number of watches, fountain pens, articles of clothing, and a roll of expensive flannel had been stolen. Burglary tools and a spirit lamp were found on the floor, and it was manifest that a desperate effort had been made to force open the safe. The safe, however, withstood all the efforts of the burglars, but they put the lock and the combination out of order, and the manager could not have access to his books and keys on Saturday morning.

The thieves evidently had an exact knowledge of the premises. At the rear of the building a hole had been bored in the wall, by means of a steel rod. There is nothing unusual in that access was gained by boring a hole through the wall, but the part of the wall in which the hole was made, gave way easier to boring than any other part would have done, for there had previously been a doorway in this place, which some years ago was built up, and this portion of the wall was evidently deemed to be easier to bore than any other.

The thieves apparently made a very hurried search, and were eager to get away as soon as possible. None of the bulky articles were touched.

Nothing untoward was seen or heard by the night watchman. One of the employees, however, is stated to have seen a light in the premises early on Friday night, but did not report the matter. No arrests have yet been made.

LOCAL SPORT.

YACHTING.

**WEEK-END'S RACING AT THE
YACHT CLUB.**

On Saturday and Sunday yachting races were sailed at the R.H.K.Y.C. On Saturday a special race was sailed, the course having been arranged from the Yacht Club to Channel Rocks, Cust Rock Buoy, and Kowloon Rock, with the finish at the Club House, a distance of 6.6 miles.

Conditions were unfavourable, there being scarcely any wind, and the boats were becalmed for some time. The course was, therefore, changed to a distance of 4.0 miles.

Eight boats entered, and the first three home were *Sealark*, *Adèle* and *Aileen*. The *Gael* and *Messing* did not finish.

Details follow:—
Finishing Time.
Y2 *Sealark* (Col. Coates) 5.34.06
Y8 *Adèle* (Col. Gunn) 5.43.33
Y3 *Aileen* (Mr. Moir) 5.43.51
G8 *Joan* (Com. Ratsey) 6.17.10
G2 *Pierette* (Sub-Lt. Vereker) 6.19.52
Y9 *Lola* (Capt. Cardew) 6.24.13
Gael (Mr. Barracough) and *Messing* (Mr. Ritchie) did not finish.

ROWING RACE.

On Saturday afternoon, the Club fours had a short race over the usual course on a line from Channel Rocks to the Club. Three boats only entered. Mr. Robinson's crew were first, being three-quarters of a length in front of Mr. Jack's crew. Mr. Easterbrook's crew were last.

YESTERDAY'S RACE.

Yesterday the fourth cruiser championship race was sailed, the course being from the Club around Lamma Island, a distance of 25 miles.

Eight boats started. The wind was about force four, and the boats had a pretty good run down the harbour and from Sulphur Channel. In Sandy Bay the boats were becalmed, all of them being close together. The *U* and *I* was the first boat to catch the easterly wind, and she tacked over to Picnic Bay. The *Coquette* was the next to get away followed by *La Cigale*, the *Titania* cutter, and *Norseman*. The wind freshened and the boats passed round the eastern corner of Lamma in the following order: *U* and *I*, *Coquette*, and *La Cigale* close together, with *Norseman* just behind. The boats then headed for the sea. The wind was terrific, so much so that *La Cigale* and *I* and *I* went about and round rather than jibe. At this stage *U* and *I* got well away.

TOP MAST BLOWN OFF.

The wind was blowing hard, and just as she was getting along nicely, *La Cigale* had trouble with her gear, and her top mast went overboard. Her crew quickly cleared up the mess made by the gear on deck and she carried on under mainsail, and did not appear in any danger. Later she anchored under the lee shore and got all her sail off, and the *Titania* cutter stood by her. Later *Ladye Jean* towed her back.

In the meantime, *U* and *I*, *Coquette* and *Norseman* were carrying on in fine style in the high wind, but they ran into calm patches off Green Island. They eventually got away, and a good race in the teeth of the wind. *U* and *I* was first over the line, but failed to save her time and the *Coquette* was before her on time. *Norseman* was also slightly ahead of her. However, *Tavy II*, who was the last boat in, was first on finishing time.

The boats on corrected time finished in the following order: *Tavy II*, *Coquette*, *Norseman*, *U* and *I*, *Brenda*. The *Titania* cutter was not eligible for the race, since she is not a cruiser. *Ladye Jean* and *La Cigale* went out of the race owing to the mishap to the latter boat.

"COQUETTE" STILL AHEAD.

The last race for the cruiser championship will be sailed in two weeks' time. *Coquette* with 49 points is still leading. The points of other boats are as follows: *Norseman*, 46; *Tavy II*, 38; *U* and *I*, 39; *La Cigale*, 34; *Brenda*, 30; *Ladye Jean*, 14; *Mist*, 9; *Aileen*, 9; and *Iris* 6.

TO-DAY'S RACE.

A special ladies' race is being sailed to-day. The course will be from the Yacht Club to Channel Rocks (P), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Kowloon Rock (S), and Channel Rocks (S).

LAWN TENNIS.

ASSOCIATION MEETING.

A meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association will be held in the pavilion of the Hongkong Cricket Club to-day at 6.30 p.m. to which representatives of the different clubs have been invited. The League will be discussed and there is little doubt that League matches among the Clubs, which were withheld last season on account of the local troubles, will again be played. There is some talk of running a "C" League. In this connection it is interesting to know that there is a trophy in the form of a shield. The last time it was competed for was in 1910 when the final match was played at the C.B.C. ground between representatives of the Club de Recreio and the Chinese Y.M.C.A., resulting in a win for the latter.

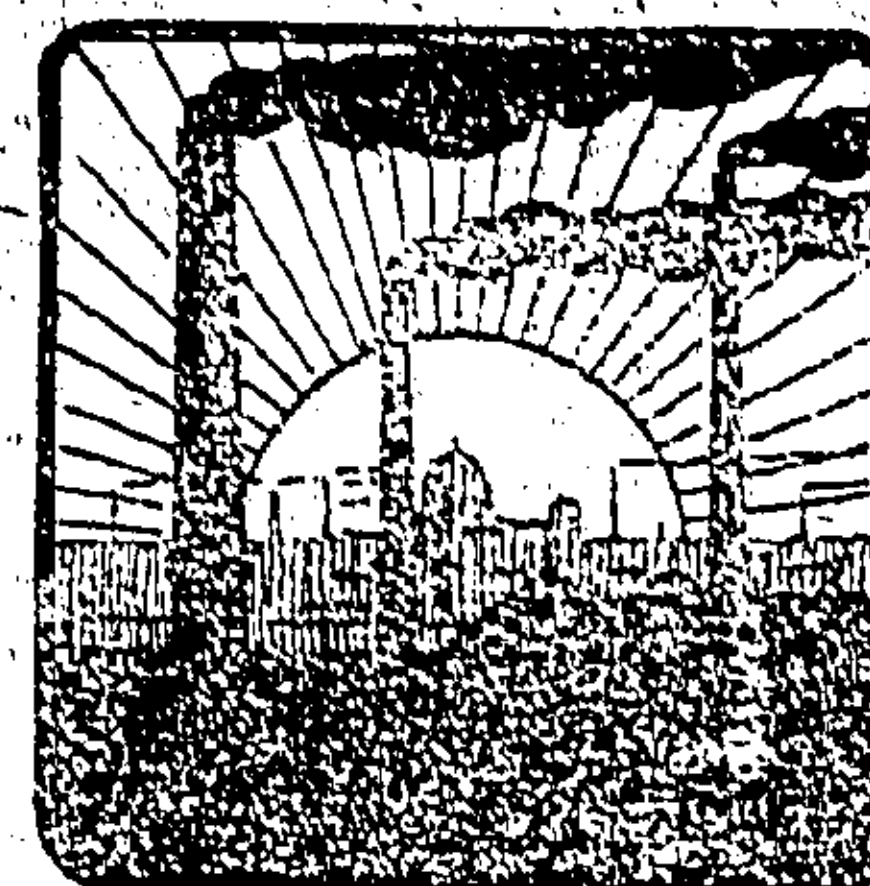
KOWLOON MARATHON RACE.

Entries for the Kowloon Marathon Race closed on Saturday. The race is to take place on Monday next, under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club. It was learned yesterday that the entries for this year's race are very satisfactory, numbering about twenty.

The race starts at 4.30 on Monday afternoon and is over a distance of 64 miles. There are three prizes, being silver cups, which will be presented to the winners in the St. Andrew's Church Hall at the conclusion.

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KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The usefulness of the work done in the Kowloon Peninsula by the Kwong Wah Hospital, a sister organisation to the Tung Wah Hospital on the Hongkong side, was made clear at the annual New Year dinner given by the newly elected Board of Directors to the Medical Staff and friends connected with this institution on Saturday evening.

This function was held in the Great Hall of the Hospital which was laid out in typical Chinese fashion.

Between forty and fifty sat down to the feast, the guests including Dr. Newton, Mrs. Hickling, M.D., Mrs. Hung Koon, the two resident surgeons, Miss Poon Wan Shan and Miss Shuk Kan, the two head nurses, Messrs. Ho Chee Sang and Chan Ching San, Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital and other prominent Chinese gentlemen.

The Chairman of Directors, Mr. Wong Chung Yee, presided and he and his fellow directors were indefatigable in their attention to their guests. The tables were also attractively and tastefully decorated.

After the toasts of "His Majesty the King" and "The Republic of China" had been duly honoured, Mrs. Myners proposed "success to the Kwong Wah Hospital." She spoke of the splendid way in which the hospital was catering to the growing needs of the large and increasing Chinese population in Kowloon and asserted that it would be impossible to do without such an institution on the peninsula. She was very pleased indeed to observe that a large number of the prominent Chinese residents were taking an interest in the work, and she felt sure that with such a capable Board of Directors as they had this year, the hospital would continue to flourish. She assured the Directors that they could rely upon any assistance that she was able to render.

The CHAIRMAN replying, said that the work of the hospital last year was as great as ever in spite of the exodus of a large number of people from the Colony. On the other hand, the income for carrying on the work of the hospital was much impaired owing to the depression of the year and which still exists, with the consequence that there is a deficit on the year's working. The number of patients admitted into the hospital was 6,882 compared with about 5,000 in 1925, and the number of out-patients who received medical treatment was 74,252 compared with 45,000 in 1925.

All these people were given medical attendance and medicine as well, entirely free of charge. The expenditure for the year on maintenance alone amounted to over \$82,000, while the income was only about \$80,000. The new hospital extension, which will be opened very shortly, cost about \$25,000 for which a special fund was raised. He desired to express the Directors' appreciation of the liberal financial support given last year by most of the large European firms or companies who were employers of Chinese labour, and hoped that in spite of the bad times, they would see their way to continue that assistance this year.

The Chairman's speech, which was in Chinese, was interpreted by Mr. Lee Yu Chung.

Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, the vice-Chairman, in proposing the toast of "Our Guests," paid a tribute to the staff and especially referred to the loyal co-operation of the tireless and painstaking work of one of the Visiting Medical Officers, Mrs. Hickling. Among other reforms accomplished by Dr. Hickling, the training of nurses has received her special attention and last year, six were successful in passing the Government examination. One of them, Miss Wong, is now on the staff of the hospital, and in addition to her other duties is doubtless assisting in the training of others. These increased opportunities for young Chinese ladies to enter the nursing profession would, he thought, be not only beneficial from a medical point of view, but would also tend to the uplift and enlightenment of the Chinese people in general. Speaking of the other guests present, he trusted that they would continue to give to the present Directors the same support and sympathy as they had given in the past.

Dr. Newton suitably replied to the toast. The Board of Directors for the ensuing year comprises the following prominent Chinese residents of Kowloon:—Mr. Wong Chung Yee, Chairman, Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Lai Tin Fook, Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. In Kwai Sang, Wong Yung Kai, Chan Yuk Man, Ngai Kam Tai, Chiu Yuk Tsan, Leung Hin Sung, Ngan Shing Kwun, Lee Yu Cheong, and Lo Sun Chuen.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—The anti-cyclone is now central over Japan. There appears to be a depression over Central China. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the South-east coast of China and over the Northern China Sea. Local forecast: E. winds, fresh, overcast, some drizzle or mist.

THE DAILY ROUND AT SWATOW. A BUSINESS MAN'S BUSY LIFE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

In Hongkong, despite the trade boycott, there are sufficient servants to meet all needs, and social life is normal. Wishing to know whether the same conditions applied to the British communities in the outports, we recently wrote to our Swatow correspondent for some account of social life there. He replies with the following description of an "average day." In Swatow the Chinese servants are still on strike but, as will be seen from the details given, their places are being taken by Russians, and our own correspondent, apparently, has been fortunate in securing the more or less competent services of a former Russian Colonel.

SWATOW, February 11th.

We rise at 6.30 a.m. that is—and if we are lucky, and our Russian Colonel, some of us have Professors of Mathematics—does not oversleep, we might secure a cup of tea and an orange by 7.30. Then about 8 o'clock a select few take a bath. I am one of the few. The bath is supposed to be hot but is usually tepid—they have different ideas in Russia about hot and cold. We don't mind though, because most of us remember those horrible days in July and August last year when half-a-bucket of water served as a bath for a man and his wife and then afterwards the family washing went in and then possibly the dog—ugh!

Breakfast is a movable feast according to the degree of sobriety of one's Colonel (V.B.—a "colonel" is a Russian servant). If he has a carry over from the old dozen bottles of samshu we are out of luck. Sometimes, of course, the fault is on our side. My messmate, Pills, the iniquitous chemist, occasionally saunters in at 10 o'clock and fires off in that charmingly abrupt manner he affects—"Overslept—see what I mean!" Pills, poor lad, has just returned from leave and he doesn't like strikes and things. By the time breakfast has disappeared and the daily grocery order has been shroffed we have to make tracks for the ferry, that is the handfull who—

live in Kakchio. The ferry is a large and handsome motor launch belonging to Butterfield and Swire or Jardines, manned and run by whichever of H.M.'s sloops happens to be in port. The 10 o'clock ferry is called, with a touch of irony, the "business men's launch." It is always in to time; so am I; others are not—*verb, sup.*

Arriving on the Swatow side we clamber over battered pontoons, go through all kinds of gymnastics with wobbly planks and bridges, fight our way through a seething mob of strike pickets and eventually fetch up with our little food baskets at the International Store. Everybody in Swatow goes about with a straw basket, as used in Hongkong for bathing picnics, and everybody goes to the International Store. Both baskets and Store have become institutions on which we depend for our daily bread.

We charge into the Store, drop our baskets, sing out "Mornin' Best; any news?" and charge out again before receiving an answer. Then to the office, which more often than not has been burgled the previous night. Well! offices are offices all the world over and we do just the same in them as you do in Hongkong—write our wives and sweethearts, read letters, groan over accounts, trot round to Best's for a refresher and so on. By 3.30 we don't have tiffin, we are ready to collect the mutton chops, beefsteaks, beer or whatever food we fancy for the next twenty-four hours. And then at 4 o'clock the "business men's launch" takes us back to Kakchio, perhaps calling at the Bluebell for a crack on the way.

A combined tiffin-tea does duty for a mid-day meal and serves to keep the old works ticking over until such time as Colonel Vladimir Nikolaevitch shakes up some dinner. After tea a little romp with the pickets on the lawn—No! I beg your pardon. I was confusing this letter with another article I am writing under the pseudonym of "Aunt Prunella." As a matter of fact most people settle down to a little serious reading after tea. Personally, I try to recapture the first fine careless rapture of my unregimented days and toy with the pages of *The Pink Unicorn* or *La Vie Parisienne*.

At 6 o'clock there is a wild rush to the Club; everybody charges into the Bar and all three of us—stay there till 7.30. I remember one memorable evening when there were sixteen in the Bar, but that's another story, all about "Despatches" and "Magnolias" and "Bluebells" and things. Well, Mr. Editor, having dragged you all the way from 6.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., and having landed you at the only bright spot in this very dull place, what about a spot? I have given you an account of our "general activities" and now I think I'll switch off. Some day I'll write and tell you all about the Comtesse's Fancy Dress Ball, the A.P.C. Soiree and perhaps Smithwick's Shooting Party.

RATIONALISTS IN HONGKONG.

THE THIRD ANNUAL DINNER. ASSOCIATION'S AIMS EXPLAINED. MEMBERSHIP INCREASE.

The third annual dinner of the members of Hongkong Branch of the Rationalist Press Association was held at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday night, Dr. W. W. Pearce, the President, being in the chair. There were present in all over fifty members and guests.

During the function reference was made to the pending departure of Dr. Pearce, who will shortly be retiring from the public service in Hongkong and a high tribute to his work in connection with the Rationalist Press Association was paid him by speakers.

THE GUESTS.

Dr. E. Law, proposing the toast of "The Guests," said in the course of his speech: In giving tangible evidence of their sympathy by their presence here, our guests are, I think, entitled to be told of some of our objects and aims, and of the need there is of a Rationalist Association in Hongkong. I hope before this evening they will have been convinced that our activities do not consist of meeting together once a year round the festive board for a display of post-prandial fireworks. This is only our window dressing. Behind this lies much useful work in the way of propaganda, of supplying rationalist books to our members and of inculcating the application of rationalistic methods of thought and reasoning to the problems presented by the external world. In a place where superstition and belief in all manner of supernatural interventions in the events of daily life is rampant, the need of our Association is great, and it is our constant endeavour to be found worthy of the great responsibility.

MYTHS AND TRADITIONS.

Mankind is loaded with a great weight of myths and traditions which have been handed down from the days of the dawn of civilisation and have thus acquired by virtue of mere age, the authority of Divine inspiration; and the conflict between those who claim that human intelligence and reasoning should be left untrammelled to probe into the truth of these cherished beliefs and those who would erect signs "Thus far shalt thou go, and no further," is carried on unceasingly. In this struggle, which in the past had been more sanguinary than all the dynastic, revolutionary or international wars, there is no respite, no truce and no armistice. Battles may shift their grounds, and scientific discoveries over which the bitterest struggles had been fought in the previous generations may be accepted unquestioned in the present, but pioneers are ever pushing forward in their efforts to wring secrets from Nature for the service of humanity, and for freedom from the deadweight of superstitious fears, and ever in their onward progress they have to join battle with the forces of myth and legend. That this claim to apply the spirit of free enquiry to religious dogmas and to assert the supremacy of reason is to-day as fiercely resisted, and the pioneers in the domain of thought as bitterly reviled as in the good old days of the thumb-screw and the rack, though the help of the secular arm is not so readily available, is shown by the numbers of letters that pour into the newspapers in the wake of the report of our annual gatherings. We as an Association are not against any religion save where traditional beliefs cannot pass the test of scientific enquiry, but it is our object to foster the spirit of rational thought, to encourage a sceptical attitude towards claims to supernatural revelation, and to resist arbitrary limits to the free exercise of individual intellect.

A very famous politician once said "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." If this is true of political liberty, it is none the less true of the liberty to apply the acid test of experience, experiment and observation to matters of belief, and although in most countries to-day, liberty of conscience has been attained, obscurantism is but bruised, and here in one form and there in another is ever ready to raise its head to strike at its enemies. We have but to look across the Pacific to realize the truth of this. There, in a highly cultured country with an intelligent population, the rise in recent years of what is known as fundamentalism, and the sad spectacle presented to us within the last few months of an aged and honored statesman spending the last days of a busy life in putting the shackles on scientific education, are sufficient to warn us of the need for watchfulness. He who, in his democratic fervour for the people's rights could see humanity crucified on a cross of gold, was yet blind to the fact that humanity's pilgrimage to a better and happier world, has always been impeded by this very denial of man's right to test his traditional beliefs in the light of his accumulating store of knowledge. Here in Hongkong, it is true, we shall never be in danger of having our freedom of belief restricted by legislation, but we are living in the midst of creeds and superstitions which are hampering the happiness and well-being of large numbers of our fellowmen, and it is our duty as citizens and as rationalists in their application as the methods of the Holy Inquisition, and whilst doing our utmost to dispel their ignorance and allay their fears by spreading the knowledge of scientific truths, we need also to exert our energies to the end that dogmas long discarded by intellectual Europe and even by liberal Churchmen, be not introduced as a substitute.

I am afraid I have fallen far short of my theme but I hope I have said sufficient to prove the need of the Rationalist Association of Hongkong and as one of its avowed objects is propaganda, I am in hopes that many of those who are our guests to-night, will, on the occasion of our next annual dinner, rise to drink the toast of "Our Guests" then. (Applause.) Dr. G. H. Thomas suitably replied on behalf of the guests.

THE R.P.A.

Dr. W. W. Pearce proposed the toast of "The Rationalist Press Association" and said the interest which had been taken in the Association locally was a matter for congratulation.

Frequently, he said, during the last year I have been asked What is Rationalism? We are all liable to be asked this question which is not an easy one to answer briefly. At the head of our periodical "The Literary Guide and Rationalist Review" we have perhaps the best attempt to describe Rationalism briefly, and I may be excused if I repeat it here:—

Rationalism may be defined as the Mental Attitude which unreservedly accepts the supremacy of reason and aims at establishing a system of Philosophy and Ethics verifiable by experience and independent of all arbitrary assumptions of Authority.

Rationalism is therefore both subjective and objective. The objective side, it seems, must be secondary to its subjective side, as it is impossible to build well without careful study of the building material.

Man is naturally questioning. He seeks the reasons for things, but owing to his having to struggle for his existence he is very liable to accept without examination any plausible theory put forward with the semblance of authority. Throughout the ages, man has been trying to solve the riddle of the universe. Many difficult theories have been formed pretending to answer this riddle. These, however, have generally been mixed with formal religion and priestcraft and have been used as a means of governance. The moment the light of reason is shed on such theories they fall to pieces.

Rationalism does not seek to formulate any definite creed to be accepted as explaining the meaning of life to be substituted for one or other of the existing religions which pretend to be complete and sufficient for men's needs. If it did, it would contradict itself, for man can not measure the infinite. Rationalism does, however, encourage men to enquire of themselves and the world in which they live and to subject their observations to the test of reason and to reject as unproven conclusions which are not the outcome of logical argument.

Man knows very little, but, he can always try to learn more, and our Association has been founded for the purpose of mutual help in learning both by disseminating knowledge of human experience and in reasoning therefrom. Our Association offers opportunities to those who are not satisfied with the dogmatic teachings of existing formal religious systems.

Rationalism like science knows no frontiers and is essentially non-political in its aims. Reason is a common attribute to all mankind. It is therefore very pleasing to know that our Hongkong branch has now many Chinese members. That Rationalism has been characteristic of Chinese philosophy for over two thousand years is to be deduced from a saying of Confucius that "To know that you do not know is the beginning of wisdom." I congratulate you, ladies and gentlemen, upon the success of the Hongkong branch of our Association and I hope that its members will continue to multiply. This is the last meeting in Hongkong which I shall have the pleasure of attending and I heartily ask you to join me in wishing prosperity to the Rationalist Press Association. (Applause.)

WHAT RATIONALISM IS.

Mr. R. A. D. Forster (the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Branch of the R.P.A.) in the course of a reply to the toast said: It has been suggested that one should call himself a Rationalist, means thereby to convey to the world that he is better endowed than others of his kind with the faculty which gives to humanity its specific name, that he is more rational. I shall lay it down that, as should be sufficiently obvious to the candid enquirer, the name expresses not the actual but the ideal. It indicates the direction in which we believe progress is to be made. To the upholders of tradition and authority we would point out the number of occasions on which these forces have favoured the wrong side, as is now universally allowed. The intuitionist we compare to one who should blindfold himself to aim at a mark, for, though it is assuredly possible that by his method he may hit, yet only by using his eyes can he know whether or not he has hit it. Other methods may attain to truth but only reason can test it. While we will not conceal real differences under a vague terminology, we find in the idea of reason as the critical ultimate a sufficient bond of union.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE.

Two points I must touch on before I conclude, unconnected as they are with what has gone before. The date of our President's retirement from that office and from Hongkong is approaching, and we unite in the wish that he may live long to see the fruits of his labours. He has seen the birth of the Hongkong Rationalist Association, and his advice has been at all times helpful, and he will leave the Association in a very flourishing state. The danger of infantile mortality may be considered as past.

Nor can I refrain from expressing my satisfaction with the way in which the members generally have contributed to the Association's progress. A net gain of 60 per cent. during the past year testifies to the place that the movement holds in the affections of the members, and when we consider the hard times during which this progress has been made we cannot but be optimistic regarding the future of the Association. (Applause.) The toast of "The Press" was entrusted to Mr. P. T. Lam, who thanked the Press for the publicity they had always afforded to matters concerning the Association. He remarked that the Press of Hongkong had always placed their columns open to the expression of views from both sides.

Mr. F. Oray, suitably replied on behalf of the Press. During the evening Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith played selections on the piano.

CANTON CUSTOMS.

STRONG WARNING TO CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

MILITARY COUNCIL AND THE PICKETS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The last few days saw reports that the Diplomatic Corps in Peking and the Chinese Maritime Customs authorities in Canton had made strong protests to the Canton Government against outrages said to have been committed on foreign shipping and interference with Customs administration, but on inquiry, the Canton Administration suggests that these reports must have been connected with those referring to the recent forcible taking over of native customs stations around Swatow by Canton officials, an act disapproved of by the Canton Government soon afterward and which is being readjusted.

The Military Council of the Kuomintang Government in Canton, it is understood, has taken notice of some of the acts of the strike pickets in Canton waters and elsewhere, and has recommended to the Canton Provincial Government that they should appoint three or more foreign language speaking persons to assist the Strike Committee and take charge of relations or affairs involving foreigners. The same report adds that the Provincial Council has instructed the Canton Commissioner for Foreign Affairs to attend to this recommendation of the Kuomintang Military Council.

Another sensation much talked of in Canton and Hongkong since the Chinese New Year, is the recent commandeering by one of General Chiang Kai Shek's subordinates of a fund in Shekling contrary to the new order prohibiting military officers taking money from hands other than recognized sources, and the despatching of a large force of infantry by Chiang to the Kwangtung Arsenal at Shekcheng, near Canton City.

THE EAST RIVER DISTRICTS.

IDLE FARMERS BECOME BANDITS.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

During the last few days traffic on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway was again interrupted. Passenger trains were used to transport troops to Shekling and Sunchun. Thence the troops proceeded on foot in various directions to the East River Districts.

To those well acquainted with the real conditions of those districts the sudden arrival of the troops is not at all unwelcome, as, since the withdrawal of the troops from this sector for active service in the South, brigandage has been prevalent again. This is largely attributed to the after-effects of the military campaign against General Chan Kwing Ming. Paddy and other lands for cultivation upon which the farmers depended on their living were entirely devastated. Under dire necessity many a farmer has turned robber.

Robbers and pirates appeared in large number towards the end of the Chinese New Year, rendering traffic by land and water very difficult. At present a serious shortage of food-stuff is being felt almost everywhere and the price of every commodity is at a very high level.

Though troops had been sent out against the bandits they were unable to make any impression on them as they were unable to locate the robber dens. Scarcely a day passed without hearing reports of robbery and piracy.

General Ho Ying Yum, the Rehabilitation Commissioner of the Eastern Districts, acting under instructions from the Political Council, has now formulated a plan to exterminate the robbers by enlisting the help of all the gentry of the respective districts to procure as many informants as possible by offering handsome rewards in order to locate the robbers' haunts. Arrangements have also been made with the Merchants' Volunteers to co-operate with the troops to round up the bandits by all means.

CHINESE BANK ROBBED.

Loot to the value of \$7,987 was taken by five robbers, four of whom were armed with revolvers, who raided the Fook Chun Hang Bank, No. 4, Wing Wo Street, Central (near the Sincere Company's store), on Friday afternoon. About \$7,000 of the haul made was in cash and the remainder in jewellery. The robbers held up the staff on the pretence of delivering a letter and after gagging and binding the folk they carried out the robbery.

The Military Pageant at Singapore this year will be held between August 28th and September 4th. The committee hope to be able to secure the stadium at Singapore for the purpose. The pageant will be in four parts. First there will be a performance by the bands, then a torchlight parade which will, it is hoped, include Highland and other dancing. This will be followed by a scene conceived in a lighter vein and designed to illustrate one of the "incidents" which occur frequently on our frontiers of Empire. Finally, there will be a grand pageant depicting the building of the British Empire and its significance as one of the greatest factors making for peace in the world to-day. It is anticipated that, with the experience gained last year, it will be possible to make the Pageant of 1926 a still greater success than its brilliant predecessor of 1925.

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Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET, Dated the 22nd day of February, 1926. [3218]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "KILVA".

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 20TH FEBRUARY, 1926.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf, and each Consignee will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed. Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer. Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Bank. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignee, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage Period. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 12th March, 1926, or they will not be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer. Agents: MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Hongkong, 20th February, 1926. [3217]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "TALYBUID" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godowns, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at the Godowns. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 20th February. Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10 A.M. and Noon within the Free Storage period. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th February, will be subject to Rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 12th March, 1926, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 20th February, 1926. [3215]

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From New York via Singapore: are hereby notified that the Cargo having arrived per s.s. "Peleus" from Singapore will be discharged into the Godowns, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at the Godowns. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 20th February. Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10 A.M. and Noon within the Free Storage period. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th February, will be subject to Rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 12th March, 1926, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 20th February, 1926. [3215]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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TICKETS or ADMISSION to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WATSON or at the GATE. Price—\$3 Per Day. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform—\$1 Per Day. No one Admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate. LINSTAD & DAVIS, Treasurers. [3192]

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MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27th, 1926. Price—\$10 Per Day or \$30 for the Meeting. LINSTAD & DAVIS, Treasurers. [3189]

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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

WORK will be Resumed on MONDAY, 1st MARCH. There will be an Entrance Examination for New Boys (Boarders and Day Boys) at Prospect Place, Bonham Road, at 9.30 A.M. on FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY. W. H. HEWITT, M.A., B.D., Warden. [3212]

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SOLICITORS.

SCRIP CERTIFICATE of SIX SHARES Numbered 6655 to 6660, registered at the Head Office in the Name of WING SIN SUN, Has Been Declared to be LOST or MISLAIN, and Application having been made to the Court of Directors for a Duplicate, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificate is presented or any objection lodged at the Office of the Company in Shanghai on or before the 3rd MARCH, 1926, a New Certificate will be issued. By Order of Court of Directors, C. M. G. BURNIE, General Manager, Shanghai, 3rd February, 1926. [3188]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTARY HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 11th MARCH, 1926. ENTRIES will DEFINITELY CLOSE at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 1st MARCH, 1926, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but Intending Exhibitors are Requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. Schedules have been sent to all Members who have paid their Subscription for the Current Year. MEMBERS who have not yet paid their Subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are Requested to Send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO., Ltd., Hongkong, 17th February, 1926. [3203]

INTIMATIONS

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE

THE SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association will be held in the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on MONDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1926, at 6 P.M.

Business—
1—Adoption of Report and Accounts.
2—Election of Officers and Committee for the year 1926.
3—Any other Business.
It is Earnestly Requested that Members and all Others interested in the Welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be Present at the Meeting. D. A. GOODWIN, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 19th February, 1926. [3211]

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 27th DAY of FEBRUARY, 1926, at 12 O'clock Noon, to Transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

By Order of the Board, W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary, Hongkong, 18th February, 1926. [3202]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CHAT ROOM, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1925. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 15th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1926 (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARKER, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 8th February, 1926. [3180]

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 4th MARCH, 1926, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1925. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th FEBRUARY to 4th MARCH, 1926, Both Dates Inclusive. DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers, [3204]

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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 22ND, 1926.

ANOTHER "CABINET CRISIS" AT PEKING.

It can create no surprise among those who have been following Peking politics to learn that the Prime Minister has resigned, though he has not held the office two months. Mr. Hsu SHAN YING, for about a month of that time, had been obliged to act concurrently as Minister of Finance, his predecessor in that office having retired in disgust after a very brief experience of its trials and disappointments. We have given quite recently some idea of the embarrassments of the position of the Finance Minister confronted as he has been with heavy demands upon an empty treasury by the Military and an army of civil officials whose salaries were heavily in arrears. The Cabinet, a month ago, came to the conclusion that the minimum amount the Government required was eight million dollars. Incidentally it may be recalled that a million dollars had been raised for what is called the Foreign New Year; although the Western Calendar was officially adopted by China when the Republic was founded. Of this Treasury Note issue of \$8,000,000 the Chinese banks could not be induced to advance more than three millions before the China New Year. The Ministry of Finance, it appears, raised independently another two millions, so that for the New Year Settlement, for which eight million dollars at least were required, the Government succeeded in getting only five millions—probably much less, as the bankers wanted the Notes issued at 70 per cent, and

wanted two years' interest paid in advance. When all this is stated, the resignation of Mr. Hsu SHAN YING, after holding office for only six or seven weeks, is readily explained by the following paragraph which we take from one of the Northern papers to hand by the latest mail: "As the best means to tide over the New Year in safety, the Premier and Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu SHAN YING, has moved into the Legation Quarter in order that the enraged Government officials may not get hold of him." His predecessor in the Finance Ministry held the portfolio for just about as long as Mr. Hsu did. There are large unsatisfied claims against the Government and we do not suppose there will be any rush of aspirants for the dual post that Mr. Hsu has vacated—or for either.

It may be interesting in this connection to mention that while the Peking Government has been proclaiming its financial embarrassments to the world Marshal CHANG TSO LIN has been telling us that the revenues of the Central Government were never "so enormous" as they have been in recent years. The statement was made in a circular telegram traversing an official statement issued in Peking that out of a total of 130 million dollars received by the Central Government in the last two years, "twenty or thirty millions were spent by Mukden." Marshal CHANG's reply is that, in point of fact, he made an advance of more than ten million dollars to Marshal TUAN for military expenses, an advance of \$1,400,000 to Marshal FENG YU HSIANG, besides other large sums to the Second and Third Armies, the whole totalling sixteen million dollars. Only half that sum had been returned, being remitted directly by the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Communications. But the chief interest of the telegram lies, perhaps, in the statement that last April or May he privately requested that an investigation should be made into the revenue and expenditure of the Government as "the receipts were enormous and many complaints were heard." But when he went to Tientsin to inspect the troops a rumour was circulated that he was going to Peking for the purpose of expelling TUAN from the office of Chief Executive, and in consequence of the agitation and intriguing this rumour stimulated the proposed investigation of the Treasury accounts was dropped. The telegram emphatically affirms that never have the Government's receipts been "so enormous" as in the past few years, and it says "the many tricks" which have been played with finance are "running the country into bankruptcy." As he was obliged to cease pressing for an investigation owing to "the intriguing against him," Marshal CHANG leaves it to others to probe the matter: What can be said of all this except that the statement shows the rottenness of the whole financial organisation of China? The chief point about it that the spectator can note is that while, on the authority of the leading Militarist of the country, the Government's financial resources in the past year or two have "enormously" increased, the Government's financial embarrassments have become steadily worse. What is the prospect that the still larger revenue which will accrue from an increase in the Customs tariff will be wisely spent?

A Reuter's cable reports the King's approval of the appointment of Mr. J. R. Wood as Puisne Judge at Hongkong. On Friday H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), paid a visit of inspection to the new Government Building on Connaught Road and the Praya. "It is notified in the Government Gazette that the names of the following Companies have been struck off the Register:—The Victoria Trading Co., Ltd., and Siskiman Steamship Co. It is notified in the Government Gazette that at the expiration of three months, C. E. Richardson & Co. (Swatow), Ltd., will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the company will be dissolved. A new church to cost \$300,000 has been planned in connection with the French Convent at Causeway Bay. Architects are now preparing the plans and the site chosen for the new edifice is on a spacious plot of ground next to the buildings of the Convent.

Among the passengers, who left for home on the P. & O. Aurnada on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Wynne-Jones, Mrs. C. A. Middleton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Haskett, Mr. and Mrs. S. Collett, Mrs. and Miss Stubbings, and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sutherland.

Mr. J. Reid, Manager of the Taikeo Dockyard and Engineering Company, who was the recipient of an illuminated address and a gift from the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Hongkong at their dinner on Friday evening, will leave the Colony on the P. & O. s.s. *Aurora* on March 6th.

Many Hongkong residents will be interested to learn that the engagement is announced and the marriage will take place at the end of April of Paymaster-Lieutenant-Commander Royal Ernest Worthington, D.S.C., Royal Navy, Chatham, and Primrose, youngest daughter of Rear-Admiral H.E. Grace, C.B., and Mrs. Grace, Sherborne Dorset.

It is officially estimated that more than a million people attended the Philippine Carnival at Manila this year. Fire threatened to destroy the place on the last day of the carnival. According to the police, a cigarette, thrown by some careless skater, fell through a crack in the floor, starting a blaze in the dead grass underneath the rink. The fire brigade ripped up the boards, sprayed water on the fire and put it out.

His Excellency Sir Manuel F. Almeida de Almeida, Governor of Macao, has accepted the invitation tendered to him by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Portuguese Company, S.V.C., to the celebrations to be held on February 27th and 28th, in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Company and of its incorporation as a unit of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

No fewer than nine fires took place in the International Settlement at Shanghai during the Chinese New Year holidays, or at least since New Year's Eve. By far the most serious of these were outbreaks in a Chinese dwelling house in Rongrong Road when six persons were burnt to death and a similar number of others were reported to be missing, and one in the Tai Hing Miao Temple in Nanjing Road, between Fukien and Shanse Roads.

Among the concluding attractions of the Manila Carnival was "a marathon dance." A Filipino couple danced for 102 hours 1m. 30sec. and won the prize of 1,000 pesos. The second prize of P.300 was won by a couple who danced 95 hours. This couple refused to accept the P.300 prize only, stating they are entitled to receive also the third prize of P.250, as no other finished with a record of 80 hours corresponding to the third place. The prizes were to be given as follows:—1st for dancers lasting 102 hours (which was the world's record); 2nd for 90 hours, and 3rd for 80 hours.

The Committee of St. Andrew's Society at Shanghai gave a tiffin last week in honour of Admiral Cameron, who has succeeded Admiral Murray Anderson in command of the Yangtze Flotilla. The function was held in the Shanghai Club, and in connection with it the Committee paid a well-deserved compliment to one of its past Presidents, Mr. Duncan McNeill who is shortly proceeding home, and who was also a guest of honour. The other guests were members of Admiral Cameron's staff, Commanders Brown and Hughes, while the chair was occupied by Col. Gordon, President of the Society, who in proposing the toast of Admiral Cameron remarked that he was the third Scottish Admiral in succession on the Yangtze River.

FUNERAL OF LT.-COL. J. R. BACCHUS.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The funeral of Lt.-Col. J. R. Bacchus, Command-Paymaster in Hongkong, took place at Happy Valley on Saturday. Full military honours were accorded, and there was a large and representative gathering, the service at the graveside being a particularly impressive one.

Lt.-Col. Bacchus, who was attached to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, came to Hongkong in March, 1924, and his sudden death from heart failure, which occurred at his residence, 10, Queen's Gardens, at 9 o'clock on Friday morning, was a great shock to a wide circle of friends in the Colony. During the war he saw a considerable amount of active service. He went to France in 1914, being subsequently transferred to Gallipoli with the 29th Division, and after the Armistice he served for some time in Italy. His medals comprised the 1914-1915 medal, the General Service and Victory medals and, in addition, he was the possessor of two Sudan medals with the Omdurman bar. He leaves a widow to whom great sympathy is extended in her bereavement. At the funeral the East Surrey Regiment provided an escort of 300 rank and file, and a firing party. The East Surrey Band preceded the procession, and as it left the barracks played the "Dead March."

The coffin covered with the Union Jack was on a gun-carriage, drawn by eight warrant officers, whilst the following acted as pall-bearers: Lt.-Col. Montague Bates (East Surrey), Lt.-Col. Boylan Smith (R.A.M.C.), Lt.-Col. Stephen (R.A.O.C.), Lt.-Col. Macintosh (R.E.), Lt.-Col. Trevelyan (R.E.), Lt.-Col. Gunn (R.A.), Lt.-Col. Coates (5th Punjab), Major Hattersley Smith (R.A.).

There were also present officers from each unit, including Major Faton as well as a dozen Naval officers, and a detachment of the decorated officers' own corps, the R.A. P.C. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded at the grave side and a salute was fired. Others present were Colonel Robertson, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, and other civilians.

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.
LORDS TO DISCUSS CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL.

There is to be a debate in the House of Lords on Wednesday on the constitution of the Council of the League of Nations. Lord Parnham, who was a member of the League Government, will ask the House to declare that it is not desirable on the occasion of the application of Germany for admission to the League and a permanent seat on the Council in accordance with the Locarno Treaty, to raise the question of the general reconstitution of the Council of the League or further to increase the numbers.

As has been stated, the British Government have not yet taken a definite resolution on this question. The Foreign Secretary, a day or two ago, in speaking upon the issue, stated the view generally held here that the question must be decided upon the plane of what is ultimately best for the League and which course would make the Council more fitted to discharge its responsibilities. Meanwhile, the *Times* to-day states that the attitude towards the question adopted by other Powers at present represented on the League Council precludes the possibility of a necessarily unanimous decision in favour of granting a permanent seat to any Power other than Germany when the Council sits in March.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MORE PRESS VIEWS.

PARIS, February 20th. The most interesting fact in the controversy regarding Poland's candidature for the League of Nations Council, says *Pertinax*, in the *Echo de Paris*, is the bringing into the limelight of the conflict of Anglo-French policies.

WARSAW, February 20th. The British Minister, Sir W. G. Max Muller, conferred for an hour with the Premier regarding Poland's candidature for the Council in regard to which the Press here had obtained a seat "despite" Britain's rather unfriendly attitude.

The gold story fell yesterday after remaining steady for two months, apparently as a result of speculation.

GERMANY'S CONDITIONAL APPLICATION.

BERLIN, February 19th. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag has passed a resolution declaring that Germany's application for admission to the League is made conditional on her receiving a permanent seat on the Council, the composition of which is to be otherwise unaltered. The resolution claims that a promise was already made to that effect to Germany.

DIPLOMACY AT WORK.

LONDON, February 21st. Diplomatic circles are now said to be of opinion that at the meeting of the League in March other candidatures than Germany to permanent seats on the League Council will not be formally proposed, but postponed to the September session of the League, but opinions differ in regard to whether an agreement in this sense can be reached between the Powers unless Spain and Poland receive assurances that the League States will not oppose the grant of a permanent seat to the former and an elective seat to the latter in September. French diplomacy is reported to be endeavouring to secure such assurances.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

OUR DEMOCRATIC PRINCE.
VISIT TO LONDON'S MEAT MARKET.

RUGBY, February 19th. The Prince of Wales and his brother, the Duke of York, were to-day both giving further evidence, if any were needed, of the active interest in the industries of the country and in the conditions under which they are carried on.

The Prince of Wales surprised London's central meat market at Smithfield by an informal visit at the early hour of half-past seven. He was immediately recognised by market workers who gave him a cordial reception. Porters thronged round and cheered. Some of the men put down carcasses of beef which they were carrying and pressed forward to shake him by the hand. Salesmen banged their cleavers on their cutting up blocks by way of greeting. The Prince proceeded to visit several stalls where he asked innumerable questions about the meat trade, particularly regarding produce from overseas dominions. He watched every stage in the preparation of meat for the retailer and inspected the up-to-date refrigerating arrangements of the market. Before he left the Prince drank a cup of coffee at the bar of the market tavern used by salesmen and porters. He left amid a great ovation.

THE DUKE OF YORK.

The Duke of York visited the British Industries Fair at Birmingham this afternoon. He showed a great interest in various exhibits and on leaving said how much he was impressed by the excellent work which the Fair was doing for British trade. In the morning His Royal Highness had visited important factories in Birmingham. At a luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce the Duke said: "As President of the Industrial Welfare Society, I wish to assure you of my deep interest in industry and everything connected with it. I have visited and hope to continue visiting factories of all kinds throughout the country in order to see conditions for myself."

HOURS OF WORK.

CONFERENCE TO SECURE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

RUGBY, February 20th. An invitation has been sent to Ministers of Labour of Belgium, France, Italy and Germany, and to Mr. Thomas, Director of the International Labour Office, to attend a conference in London to consider the possibility of securing an effective international agreement for regulating hours of labour. The date suggested is March 15th. No replies have yet been received by the British Government. Only the nations mentioned will be represented.

The reason for inviting a limited number of countries in the first instance is that if agreement is to be ultimately reached among a larger number the best way to success is to see whether some of the countries involved cannot first come to an agreement among themselves. It is considered more practical to proceed in this way than to endeavour to find agreement in the first instance among thirty or more countries concerned.

THE LIBERAL PARTY.

COMPROMISE ON THE LAND PROPOSALS.

RUGBY, February 19th. An important compromise on the Liberal land proposals, which will (it is believed) mean the averting of a Liberal split on the proposals, was reached at a Liberal conference to-day. The agreement resulted from a private consultation held in the ante-room between the two leading delegates, including Mr. D. Lloyd George.

The Conference cheered vociferously when the compromise was announced. While the Conference was still sitting, news arrived that a prominent member of the Party, Commander Hilton Young, had decided to secede from the Party, owing to the land proposals, and call himself an Independent. Com. Hilton Young was Financial Secretary to the Treasury in Mr. Lloyd George's Coalition Government and was, afterwards, Chief Liberal Whip. He was one of the Party's soundest commercial advisers. Only last evening he made in Parliament one of the best informed speeches on Iraq, which he had recently visited.

WIRELESS OPERATORS' STRIKE.

RENEWED DISCUSSIONS TO BEGIN IN MARCH.

RUGBY, February 19th. The strike of wireless operators ended on Thursday night and operators returned to work. It is provided that renewed discussions between the two sides shall begin not later than March 1st and that arbitration will follow if no agreement is reached by the end of that month upon the points at issue.

EGYPTIAN IRRIGATION.

WORK TO BE RESUMED BY COMMISSION.

RUGBY, February 19th. The British and Egyptian Governments have agreed that the work of the Irrigation Commission, which was interrupted by the illness of the late M. Cremers, President of the Commission, shall be resumed by the two remaining members of the Commission.

It will be recalled that by an exchange of Notes dated January 30th, 1925, the Governments arranged to set up a Commission of Experts charged to study and propose a basis of irrigation conforming with the interests and rights of Egypt in the waters of the Nile. This Commission was to present its report before June 30th, 1925. The Commission began its meetings on February 17th, 1925, and its members visited all the most important works and investigated, together with other engineers and experts, the different aspects of the problem. The Commission was on the point of completing its examination and preparing its report when M. Cremers was taken ill. Having regard to the importance attaching to the work, the two remaining members of the Commission, Mr. Macgregor, the British delegate, and Abdel Hamid Soleiman Pasha, the Egyptian delegate, will now complete the investigations and present a report.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT.
AN INTERESTING SITUATION.

THE HAGUE, February 21st. More than three months have elapsed since the Coalition Government resigned, owing to the Second Chamber deciding to abolish the Dutch Legation at the Vatican. It is now practically certain that Mr. van Limburg will not be more successful than his predecessors in his efforts to form a Cabinet, owing to constant obstruction from the Right, who desire to re-establish a Coalition Cabinet under Mr. Colijn. The opposition of the Left parties thereto is led by Socialists who propose to request the Queen to dissolve the Parliament. If the proposal is [not?] accepted a special sitting of the Second Chamber will be called on March 2nd and the Chamber will consequently request its own dissolution.

It will be an occurrence unprecedented in the political history of Holland.

SPANISH TARIFF.

MADRID, February 21st. A decree has been officially published applying the second scale of Customs tariffs to all kinds of petroleum and petrol imported into Spain, regardless of the country of its origin.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYRO-TURKISH TREATY.
FRENCH PRESS ON ITS PACIFIC CHARACTER.

PARIS, February 21st. The papers stress the purely pacific character of the Syro-Turkish Treaty concluded at Ankara. The *Echo de Paris* says: The Quai d'Orsay denies that France would have granted Turkey the control of the Baghdad railway. The Treaty provides no territorial cession, but simply makes precise the frontier.

Le Matin states that France's winter action in Morocco was nearly without important operations.

FRENCH POLITICS.

CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO CHAMBERS AHEAD.

PARIS, February 19th. A new low record for the franc—138 to the £—has been registered. It is attributed to the confused Parliamentary situation and it is most doubtful if the new Taxation Bill will be adopted by the end of the month. A grave conflict between the two Chambers looms ahead, as the Senate Finance Committee has drastically altered the Chamber's decisions.

FRENCH MONEY GOING AHEAD.

PARIS, February 21st. After a slight recovery yesterday, the franc resumed its steady downward course this morning, though there was no panic. It seems that the movement is not due to speculation, but mainly to the trade position. Once again the French are the principal sellers. Francs may be counted on to rise following the appointment of M. Doumer as Finance Minister and M. Berenger as Ambassador to Washington. Accordingly it is preferred to postpone as long as possible purchases of foreign currency for trade settlements, but they are disappointed with the outlook which is still unpromising.

The Government is bound to have the greatest difficulty in getting financial measures voted in both Chambers, which are completely at loggerheads, and failure to obtain cash will certainly entail a fresh inflation. French investors are tending more and more to buy foreign securities, which involves an exodus of capital abroad.

Y.M.C.A. SECRETARY.

TO TOUR INDIA AND FAR EAST.

LONDON, February 20th. Sir Arthur Keyall, K.B.E., national secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who is leaving London on February 25th to tour India and the Far East, said his work would begin in Bombay. Two or three conferences had been arranged for Calcutta. He will then go to Rangoon and Singapore where he will spend three or four weeks, then a fortnight in Japan whence he will leave for Canada.

Big developments were pending in India, for example, organisations for advising time-expired soldiers of emigration prospects within the Empire and Y.M.C.A. work on military transports.

He will discuss with his friends in China the proposal to send to England two or three Chinese secretaries of local branches for an extended course at Oxford or Cambridge.

SOVIET WRONGED?

AUSTRIAN MACHINERY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

LONDON, February 20th. According to the *Morning Post's* Vienna correspondent, the Russo-Austrian negotiations relate to the Russian acquisition of part of the machinery at Vienna arsenal for the manufacture of articles of a peaceful character.

Negotiations were previously reported to be progressing between the Austrian Government, Austrian firms and the Soviet Government for the purchase of machines for producing munitions and explosives on a large scale.

WAR IN SYRIA.

DRUSES SUFFER HEAVILY FROM FRENCH ATTACK.

PARIS, February 19th. A Beirut message states that in the course of an engagement around Rashaya the Druses suffered severely.

A French column attacked south of Damascus, and pursued the enemy, who underwent heavy losses.

The Assembly of elected representatives of the vilayet of Aleppo has voted a resolution expressing attachment to France.

BANK NOTE FORGERY.

FRENCH AND GERMAN DETECTIVES CO-OPERATE.

BERLIN, February 20th. French detectives have arrived to co-operate with the German police in investigating German ramifications of the Hungarian bank note forgery scandal.

The German photographer, Schulz, who was arrested in connection with the affair, says some of the machines used in the manufacture of the notes were sent from Germany to Budapest.

DUTCH FLOODS.

AMSTERDAM, February 21st. Owing to the rise of the level of the Meuse, floods have recurred in four villages, which are now isolated.

MINERS' STRIKE AVERTED.

PARIS, February 21st. The threatened miners' strike has apparently been averted, drastic settlements having been reached practically everywhere.

COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL.

PRESIDENT ZINOVIEFF AND I.L.P. PROPOSAL.

MOSCOW, February 20th. Addressing a session of the enlarged Executive Committee of the Communist International, in which 33 countries are represented, President Zinovieff declared that the basic programme and tactical principles of the Communist International remained unchanged.

The Communist International would reject the proposal of the Independent Labour Party to merge with the Second International.

BOMBAY MILLS.

MEASURE TO PROTECT INDIAN INDUSTRIES.

DELHI, February 19th. The Indian Commercial Congress Subjects Committee has rejected a proposal by the Bombay Millowners' Association that the Government be urged to terminate the Indo-Japanese Convention of March 5th, 1905. The proposal has accordingly been abandoned.

The Congress has passed a resolution urging the Government to adopt measures like the British Safeguarding of Industries Act to protect Indian industries against the competition of other countries. It has also passed a resolution in favour of the adoption of a gold standard and gold currency for India.

COURT SENTENCES.

SEQUEL TO THE HAYLEY MORRIS CASE.

LONDON, February 19th. A sequel to the recent Hayley Morris case was heard in the House of Commons when a Bill to increase the powers of a court to inflict punishment in the case of certain crimes was presented for its second reading by Mr. W. Greaves-Lord, K.C. (Conservative).

The main object of the Bill is to empower the substitution of penal servitude for consecutive terms of ordinary imprisonment.

The Home Secretary supported the Bill and said it was quite possible he would shortly ask the House to review the whole question of penology. He would suggest to the committee considering the Bill that such sentences to be imposed by a judge be limited to ten years penal servitude or five years, if tried by Quarter Sessions.

Opposition to the Bill was based on disagreement with any policy of increased sentences of imprisonment.

The measure was read a second time by 123 votes to 33.

LANCASHIRE COTTON.

SPINNERS' PRESIDENT AND JAPANESE COMPETITION.

LONDON, February 19th. At the annual Federation of the Master Cotton Spinners' Associations at Manchester, the president, Mr. Fred Holdroyd, attributed the last five years' depression in the American section of the Lancashire cotton trade largely to the trade war, upon which several of their competitors, particularly Japan and Italy had entered. He could not see how Lancashire goods could possibly live against Japanese competition when Japan's cotton industry was largely protected and State subsidised. Some day, he said, whether white, yellow or black would assert their rights to reasonable living conditions. The foreigner was not winning or retaining markets by skill or enterprise but because he had favoured conditions which were denied us. National taxation enormously handicapped the home industry but Lancashire could beat any country in quality. He was hopeful for the future of the cotton trade. Short-time working, if honourably adhered to, would end the appalling losses in the American section.

FIRE AT SEA.

BLAZE SPREADING ON S.S. "BOLTON."

LONDON, February 19th. It is reported from Brest that the steamer *Bolton's* fire is spreading to No. 3 hold. The steamer has been beached and the forepart will be filled.

AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRES.

ALL MISSING NOW ACCOUNTED FOR.

MELBOURNE, February 19th. All those missing as the result of the bush fires have now been accounted for. The total death toll is 31.

Relief works have already commenced in the devastated areas. Money and clothing for the sufferers are ceaselessly pouring in.

TURKISH-AMERICAN TRADE.

LATTER NOW A FAVOURED NATION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 19th. A Turco-American *modus vivendi* has been signed giving the United States a most favoured nation commercial treatment for a period of six months. The United States is consequently excluded from the operation of the increased Customs duties.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

LONDON, February 20th. The Prince of Wales has resumed hunting, and followed the Blankney Hounds to-day.

VICE-ADMIRAL'S APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, February 20th. Vice-Admiral Sir Walton Cowan has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the North America West Indies Station.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

LONDON, February 20th.

Following are results of the matches played to-day:—

Clapton Orient 2; Newcastle, 0.
Millwall, 0; Swansea, 1.
Sunderland 3; Manchester U., 3.
Notts City, 0; Fulham, 1.
Southend, 0; Notts, For., 1.
Bolton 3; St. Shields, 0.
Aston Villa, 1; Arsenal, 1.
Manchester C., 1; Crystal Pal., 4.
Dumbarton, 3; Clyde, 0.
Third Lanark, 4; Brechin, 0.
Falkirk, 0; Rangers, 2.
Morton, 1; Albion, 0.
Aberdeen, 2; St. Johnstone, 2.
Bathgate, 2; Airdrie, 3.
Hearts, 0; Celtic, 4.
St. Mirren, 2; Partick, 1.
Burnley, 1; Huddersfield, 1.
Cardiff C., Birmingham, 0.
Leeds U., 1; Liverpool, 1.
Sheff. U., 3; West Bromwich, 2.
Tottenham, 4; Bury, 2.
Leicester, 2; Blackburn, 1.
Barnsley, 2; Southampton, 0.
Bradford, 0; Derby, 0.
Chelsea, 2; Darlington, 2.
Middlesbrough, 4; Stockport, 0.
Portsmouth, 0; Oldham, 0.
Wolves, 3; Stoke, 1.
Aberdare, 3; Norwich, 1.
Bournemouth, 2; Merthyr, 1.
Brentford, 2; Bristol C., 1.
Charlton, 1; Gillingham, 0.
Exeter, 2; Luton, 2.
Reading, 2; Newport, 1.
Swindon, 2; Queen's Park, 0.
Walsall, 0; Plymouth, 1.
Accrington, 3; Nelson, 2.
Doncaster, 1; Wigan, 1.
Durham, 2; Halifax, 0.
Hartlepool, 2; Rotherham, 1.
Lincoln, 2; Crewe, 2.
Rochdale, 3; Grimsby, 2.
Southport, 5; New Brighton, 2.
Tranmere, 3; Bradford, 2.
Walsall, 3; Chesterfield, 1.
Wrexham, 2; Ashington, 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Clydebank, 5; Kilmarnock, 1.
Hibernians, 1; Queen's Park, 2.
Motherwell, 2; Cowdenbeath, 1.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

TENNIS IN AMERICA.

MORE RESULTS OF INDOOR TOURNAMENT.

NEW YORK, February 20th.

In the quarter finals of the National Indoor Lawn Tennis Tournament, Lacoste beat Vincent Richards, 6-4, 6-2, and Borotra beat Tilden.

AMERICAN HOPE DEFEATED.

LATER.
In the semi-finals of the Indoor Lawn Tennis Championships, Borotra, the defending champion, beat Brugnon, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. Lacoste beat Vanryen, the last American hope, 6-2, 6-1.

THE TILDEN-BOROTRA MATCH.

The first set of the Borotra-Tilden match was one of the most thrilling ever seen. Borotra from 5-5 always had the lead, but again and again, after winning an odd game he succumbed to Tilden's terrific service.

Borotra was twice within a point of the set, and twice Tilden rose to the occasion with an untakable service, but apart from the service, Borotra was superior in every point of the game.

The defeat of Tilden caused a sensation, and Borotra received a deafening ovation from the huge crowd.

Borotra's intrepid net work, his side-line placing, and frequent magnificent backhand returns from seemingly impossible positions, all combined to overwhelm Tilden, who was pitifully forced back from the aggressive, to his back-line defence. Both played on top form, and the rapid succession of spectacular rallies aroused the frenzied enthusiasm of the crowd.

Lacoste decidedly outplayed Richards, who displayed occasional flashes of brilliancy at the net, but Lacoste, who added to his usually steady baseline driving, spectacular net attack, kept his opponent chasing from side to side.

Brugnon, profiting from the example of his team mates, also carried the fight to the net, scoring France's third great victory of the day.

LATER.

In the doubles semi-final Tilden and Anderson beat Borotra and Lacoste, 6-4, 6-4.

In the second semi-final of the Doubles, Richard and Hunter beat Brugnon and Bailey, 6-2, 6-2; and thus meet Tilden and Anderson in the final on Monday.

BOOTLEGGER BOMBARDED.

AMERICAN CUTTER'S ATTACK ON SCHOONER.

LUNenburg, Nova Scotia, Feb. 20th. The British schooner *Eastwood*, commanded by Captain Splinder, has arrived with its decks, spars and hull splintered by shell fire.

The Captain declares that the ship was bombed by the United States revenue cutter *Seneca* twenty miles off the New Jersey coast and that 200 rounds were fired, 99 of which were direct hits.

The crew state that the *Eastwood* had been off the New Jersey coast several days with a cargo of liquor under the surveillance of the *Seneca*.

American consular officials discredit Captain Splinder's statement.

THE LEVERHULME PICTURES.

NEW YORK, February 20th. The auction of Lord Leverhulme's collection of 226 pictures realised the grand total of over \$247,000.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FOOTBALL AT SHANGHAI.

ANOTHER WIN FOR SOUTH CHINA.

SHANGHAI, February 20th. South China beat East China at football to-day by 5 goals to 1.

INTERPORT TEAM'S WIN.

SHANGHAI, February 21st. Playing at Shanghai, the Interport team defeated a combined team representing South and East China by five goals to nil.

PEKING POSITION.

WAR MINISTER TAKES OVER PREMIERSHIP.

PEKING, February 20th. General Chai Shih Yao, Minister of War, has taken over the Premiership from Hsu Shih Ying who has resigned.

The Cabinet this evening drafted mandates appointing Generals Lu Chin Shan, Liu Tao Lung, Tupan and Civil Governor respectively of Hupeh (on Hsiao Yao Nan's death, General Wu Pei Fu appointed Chen Chia Mo and Tu Hsi Chun respectively to those posts).

The mandate appoints General Pi Shou Chen, at present Tupan of Tsingtao, to be administering Tupan of Shantung vice Chang Tsung Chang; and General Tien Wei Chen, Civil Governor of Shantung.

The mandate finally orders a punitive expedition against Wu Pei Fu.

SHANGHAI SENSATION.

GAOL BREAK APPARENTLY LONG PLANNED.

SHANGHAI, February 20th. The convicts who attempted to escape from the French Municipal Gaol were all desperate criminals convicted of armed robberies.

Their attempted outbreak from prison was evidently long prepared.

Four who failed to escape on Wednesday night committed suicide on Thursday. Several of the wounded are not expected to recover.

[The attempt was made by 34 of the convicts undergoing sentences ranging from five to twenty years. An attempt was made to incapacitate two warders who were locking the main door but one pulled his pistol and fired. The convicts had to be fired on before they stopped.]

THE CATHCART CASE.

COUNTESS OF CRAVEN REJOINS THE EARL.

MONTREAL, February 19th. The Countess of Craven has arrived and re-joined her husband.

LADY CATHCART SECURES RESPIRE.
Lady Cathcart has secured a respite in connection with the order for her exclusion from the United States, the Federal Judge having issued a writ of *habeas corpus* calling for her appearance in court on the morning of February 23rd.

THE COUNTESS'S ALLEGATION.

NEW YORK, February 19th. The Countess of Cathcart, in her petition for a writ of *habeas corpus*, alleged that she was illegally detained on Ellis Island. She admitted that she had gone to South Africa with the Earl of Craven, but denied that this constituted "moral turpitude."

A new lawyer, Mr. A. Garfield Hays, appeared in the case to-day. He has been engaged on the Countess of Cathcart's behalf by representatives of several American women's organisations.

IMMIGRATION LAW CRITICISED.

WASHINGTON, February 19th. The Socialist, Mr. Berger, introduced in the House of Representatives an amendment to the immigration law admitting all aliens into the country except those convicted of felony. Mr. Berger declared that the exclusion of the Countess of Cathcart, Countess Kirovsky, and Mr. Saklatvala, M.P., on the grounds of "moral turpitude" showed the danger of conferring discretionary power on officials. If exclusion on the ground of indiscretion were to become a practice, many wealthy and prominent Americans would find themselves barred from other countries.

A STUNT FOR PUBLICITY.

LATER.
The Countess of Cathcart, in an interview, replying to the remark attributed to Mr. Davis, Secretary of Labour, suggesting that she came to New York to seek publicity, said: "Would any sane woman plan a stunt like this? I came here to be quiet. I hate publicity, and this sort of thing does not please any decent woman."

It is stated that the argument to be submitted to the Court on Tuesday on the Countess of Cathcart's behalf is that intimate relations with Earl Craven, which she admitted, did not involve "moral turpitude" within the meaning of the immigration statutes, nor is it classifiable as a crime or misdemeanour under the laws of England, South Africa or the Federal Laws of the United States.

ITALIAN-AMERICAN DEBT.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S CONCERN.
NEW YORK, February 20th. The Associated Press correspondent at Washington reports that President Coolidge, in an interview with Pressmen, expressed concern with regard to the opposition to the Italian debt settlement which has developed in the Senate.

He declared that he felt the failure of the Senate to ratify the agreement which the House of Representatives had already approved would serve to relieve Italy of any obligation to negotiate an agreement.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

GAMES DURING THE WEEK-END.

The feature of Saturday's cricket was the double defeat of the Indian R.C. At the expense of the Indian R.C. 1st XI. the Chinese R.C. secured their first victory this season. The Police defeated the Civil Service "A" team.

LEAGUE-DIVISION I.

CLUB v. ARTILLERY.

Playing at home, the Hongkong C.C. 1st XI. defeated the Royal Artillery by 61 runs.

The H.K.C.C. batted first and scored 147 runs. A. W. Hayward contributing 50. The R.A. played one man short, and scored 86 runs.

Scores:—

HONGKONG C.C. 1st XI.

A. W. Hayward, b Gifford	90
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Rough	0
H. Owen Hughes, c Chester, b Rough	0
J. D. Humphreys, c Smith, b Rough	14
T. E. Pearce, c Gifford, b Rough	12
G. P. Lammer, c Smith, b Rough	6
H. Hancock, l.b.w., b Rough	10
L. P. Ralph, run out	5
A. C. I. Bowker, not out	1
F. N. Young, c Smith, b Gifford	1
Extras	5
Total	147

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rough	17	0	66	5
Gifford	11	2	44	2
St. Smith	9	2	22	1
Sloane Stanley	3	0	10	1

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Capt. Bensley, l.b.w., b Bowker	1
Lt. Chester, b Bowker	22
Capt. Parkes, c Lammer, b Hancock	0
Major Hattersley Smith, c Ralph, b Bowker	10
Lt. Smith, c Owen Hughes, b Bowker	18
Lt. Sloan Stanley, b Bowker	15
B.S.M. Page, c Hancock, b Bowker	16
Lt. Hall, b Hancock	7
Sgt. Gifford, c Mitchell, b Hancock	3
M.-G. Rough, not out	0
Extras	8
Total (for 9 wickets)	86

One man absent.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowker	12	2	40	6
Hancock	11	1	37	3

C.R.C. v. I.R.C.

Playing on their own ground the Chinese R.C. in spite of being handicapped by the absence of one player, defeated the Indian R.C. 1st XI. by 2 wickets. It was the first victory for the C.R.C. this season.
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The Indians were all out for 93 runs, and the Chinese scored 95 runs for the loss of 8 wickets.

Scores:—

INDIAN 1st XI.

A. H. Madar, c Ng Sze Kwong, b Ching	2
J. S. A. Curreen, b Hung	47
O. Ismail, c Yeoh, b Hung	24
S. H. Ismail, b Hung	0
D. Rumjahn, c Yang, b Ching	0
U. M. Omar, b Hung	4
F. M. el Arculli, c Yeoh, b Hung	0
H. D. Rumjahn, not out	3
Y. A. Wahab, b Hung	3
D. Razack, b Hung	4
K. M. Omar, b Hung	0
Extras	6
Total	93

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ng Sze Kwong	5	0	24	0
Ching	5	1	37	2
Yeoh	4	0	34	0
W. C. Hung	4.5	3	12	8

CHINESE 1st XI.

Ng Sze Kwong, c H. D. Rumjahn, b Madar	6
T. E. Yeoh, c H. D. Rumjahn, b Madar	9
W. C. Hung, b Rumjahn	29
J. L. Youngsaye, c D. Rumjahn, b Arculli	24
C. Chon, c O. Ismail, b Madar	4
H. C. Hung, retired hurt	1
F. S. Wong, b Madar	2
H. Ching, b Arculli	5
C. E. Wong, not out	5
Extras	10
Total (for 9 wickets)	98

One man absent.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Arculli	11.3	1	21	2
Madar	14	3	34	5
Curreen	3	0	18	0
O. Ismail	2	0	7	0
H. D. Rumjahn	2	0	8	1

LEAGUE-DIVISION II.

INDIAN R.C. 2nd XI. v. R.E.

The Indian R.C. 2nd XI. playing at home with ten men, were defeated by the Royal Engineers. They were all out for 53 runs. M. P. Madar scored 28. The visitors compiled 134 for seven wickets.

Scores:—

INDIAN R.C. 2nd XI.

M. P. Madar, st. Bridgland, b Goodyer	28
J. Hassan, b Jacob	1
S. A. R. Ismail, b Jacob	4
A. R. Miuu, b Jacob	2
J. S. Acker, c Jacob, b Jones	2
R. Nazarin, not out	13
A. S. Sufiad, c Goodyer, b Higgs	1
A. R. M. Samy, c Blondin, b Bridgland	0
A. Butt, c Blondin, b Higgs	0
A. D. Madar, c Jacob, b Bridgland	0
Extras	5
Total (for 9 wickets)	53

One man absent.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodyer	13	8	8	1
Jacob	18	7	14	3
Jones	4	0	18	1
Higgs	3	2	5	2
Bridgland	2.9	0	3	2

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Sgt. Blondin, c Butt, b Madar	35
Sgt. Goodyer, c and b Mina	24
Q.M.S. Fawcett, run out	31
S.S. Higgs, c Madar, b Sufiad	18
Lt. Jacob-Larcom, c Acker, b Madar	10
Sgt. Jones, c Madar, b Sufiad	12
S.S. Kelly, b Acker	12
Sgt. Durand, not out	0
Extras	13
Total (for 7 wickets)	134

Capt. Bridgland, Col. Mackintosh and Q.M.S. Jacob did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sufiad	7	0	30	2
Madar	9	2	32	1
Acker	4.2	0	30	2
Mina	3	0	29	1

C.S.C.C. "A" v. POLICE R.C.

The Civil Service C.C. "A" team in their match with the Police R.C. on the latter's ground, declared with 102 runs for 9 wickets. S. B. Spillet scored 39. The Police compiled 187 runs, to which R. G. Robertson contributed 54.

Scores:—

CIVIL SERVICE "A".

Haynes, c Craig, b Lacey	4
R. W. S. Paterson, b Robertson	1
B. C. K. Hawkins, c Craig, b Lacey	7
S. B. Spillet, b Robertson	39
F. E. Booker, b Lacey	16
H. F. Harper, hit wicket, b Robertson	3
C. H. Edmond, b Robertson	2
E. A. Bastin, c Craig, b Robertson	4
H. F. Westlake, run out	14
T. W. Carr, b Lacey	2
Extras	4
Total (for 9 wickets, dec.)	102

C. Sara did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robertson	19.2	1	57	5
Lacey	19.4	4	41	4

POLICE R.C.

C. F. Alexander, c Haynes, b Edmonds	0
W. E. Meadows, c Carr, b Sara	0
W. L. Sparrow, c Harper, b Spillet	23
A. Reynolds, b Edmonds	5
Capt. Bloxham, c Carr, b Spillet	33
Dr. Craig, c and b Edmonds	0
A. Lacey, c Haynes, b Spillet	3
R. G. Robertson, not out	84
J. Dyer, c Baston, b Spillet	20
S. Randle, b Booker	14
W. L. Clark, l.b.w., b Booker	1
Extras	4
Total	187

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sara	8	1	52	1
Edmonds	9	1	54	3
Spillet	6	0	34	4
Booker	4	1	33	2

FRIENDLY GAMES.

CIVIL SERVICE v. NAVY.

The Civil Service playing at home, easily defeated the Navy 1st XI. Batting first, the visitors were all out for 39 runs. The home team scored 100 for 9 wickets.

H.K.C.C. v. NAVY.

A junior team from the Hongkong C.C. defeated the Royal Navy 2nd XI. at Happy Valley by 60 runs. The Club declared with 135 for 9 wickets. D. E. G. Nicholson scored 44 runs, and H. V. Parker 43. The Navy were all out for 75 runs.

C.C.C. v. T.R.C.

Craigengower C.C. playing at home, defeated the Taifoo R.C. by 25 runs. Craigengower scored 111 runs, Y. Abbas contributing 29, and E. Arculli 23. Taifoo replied with 86 runs. E. Moore scored 25 runs.

SUNDAY CRICKET.

INAUGURAL MATCH AT KOWLOON.

Sunday cricket was started yesterday by the Kowloon Cricket Club when they played their inaugural match on their own ground, entertaining the Hongkong Cricket Club in a friendly game and defeating them by 91 runs.

Kowloon batted first and scored 191 runs, to which the visitors replied with 100 runs. For the winners Capt. E. M. Morris played a fine innings and contributed the useful score of 74 runs; while also for the K.C.C. Capt. R. A. Watters knocked up 43 runs. Bowling for the H.K.C.C. H. V. Parker took eight wickets for 65 runs. The principal scorer for the visiting team was E. J. R. Mitchell (43). Some good bowling on the part of the home team was seen, F. Goodwin taking four wickets for 43 runs; while J. C. Lylal captured six wickets at the small cost of 44 runs.

Scores:—

KOWLOON C.C.

Capt. G. F. Bensley, b Parker	14
J. C. Lylal, c Lee, b Parker	11
E. C. Fincher, c Nicholson, b Parker	4
A. H. Ramsey, c Young, b Bridge-	21
land	21
E. F. Fincher, b Abbit	5
Capt. E. M. Morris, c and b Parker	74
Capt. R. A. Watters, c Mitchell, b Parker	43
F. Goodwin, b Parker	4
G. Lee, c Mitchell, b Parker	0
Lt. J. H. Smith, c Lee, b Parker	1
C. T. Evans, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	191

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	24	4	65	8
Lee	10	3	13	0
Abbit	10	0	26	1
Bridgland	9	0	55	1
Young	4	0	15	0

H.K.C.C.

D. E. G. Nicholson, b Lylal	1
G. P. Lammer, c sub., b Lylal	10
Capt. Bridgland, c Lylal, b Goodwin	5
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Ramsey, b Lylal	42
H. V. Parker, c Bensley, b Goodwin	4
H. G. Sheldon, c and b Goodwin	14
J. D. Humphreys, c E. C. Fincher, b Lylal	14
R. Abbit, st. Bensley, b Lylal	0
F. N. Young, st. Bensley, b Goodwin	9
S. P. Leach, not out	2
R. W. Lee, c and b Lylal	5
Extras	5
Total	100

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	18	5	43	4
Lylal	19	2	44	6
Fincher	1	0	5	0

CRICKET BATS PRESENTED.

At the conclusion of the match three interesting presentations were made by the Captain of the K.C.C. team, Mr. J. C. Lylal.

Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, of the Hongkong Cricket Club team, was presented with a cricket bat in recognition of his score of 111 runs on the occasion of the all day match at Kowloon during Chinese New Year between the K.C.C. and the H.K.C.C. Messrs. F. Goodwin and A. Ramsey, of the Kowloon Cricket Club, were the recipients of bats for scoring 93 runs and 81 runs, respectively, in the same match.

The recipients suitably responded, and Mr. Mitchell in doing so remarked that he was very pleased that the Kowloon Cricket Club had inaugurated Sunday cricket. He hoped that this would be the first of many matches to be played on Sundays between the H.K.C.C. and the K.C.C., and also hoped that other clubs would join in. He thought the institution of Sunday cricket could be very well developed in the Colony.

Mr. J. C. Lylal, of the K.C.C., spoke in similar strain, and remarked that it had been argued that "friendly tennis matches and friendly golf was not out of place, therefore, he did not see why friendly cricket should not be played on Sundays, and he hoped that further friendly matches would be arranged.

On the Pokfulam ground yesterday afternoon the University XI. defeated the Nomads XI. by 51 runs. Kitchell and Hanson opened well for the Nomads, who scored 75 runs, and Sling bowled very well for the University. The students fared badly at the start, having six wickets down for 23 runs. Youngsaye and Ng prove a thorn in the Nomads' bowlers' sides and took the score past the winning mark, the final score being 126/Abbas bowled better than his average shows and Hanson was consistent.

Scores:—

NOMADS.

A. Kitchell, b Sling	38
A. H. Hanson, c Lylal, b Sling	22
R. C. Reed, st. Fane, b Sling	0
F. Zimmerman, c Hunt, b Gittens	1
E. Lee, b Sling	26
S. Abbas, b Gittens	30
C. L. Tan, c Hung, b Sling	7
E. Hanson, c Ng, b Sling	28
E. Schnepel, b Sling	20
J. C. Fletcher, l.b.w., b Gittens	1
T. Edwards, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	75

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sling	17	6	44	7
Youngsaye	4	1	17	0
Gittens	12	3	15	3

UNIVERSITY.

W. Hung, c and b Hanson	5
D. Lylal, b Abbas	0
E. Zimmerman, b Hanson	7
W. I. Anderson, b Abbas	0
S. V. Gittens, b Abbas	0
W. H. Sling, b Hanson	0
D. E. Commpanat, c and b Hanson	8
I. L. Youngsaye, c Abbas, b Fletcher	35
A. Baker, b Hanson	1
Ng Bow Po, b Fletcher	33
R. Ponsobny-Fane, not out	5
Extras	24
Total	126

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Abbas	14	2	42	3
Hanson	12	2	45	5
Fletcher	4	1	15	2

THE LEAGUE.

INTERESTING POSITION IN DIVISION II.

There were four matches played in the Hongkong Cricket League on Saturday, two in the First Division and two in the Second Division.

In the First Division, the H.K.C.C. move above the Royal Artillery by reason of their victory over this side; while the Chinese Recreation Club, who incidentally registered their first win in the League this season, go above the East Surreys by one point. The other positions remain unchanged.

In the Second Division, there have been several changes in position. The Royal Engineers have displaced the K.C.C. 2nd XI in the leadership of the Junior Section and the Police have moved up to third place in the Division from sixth position, by reason of their win against the C.S.C.C. "A," displacing "the Navy" and the I.R.C. 2nd teams have both completed their fixtures and have finished up fifth and sixth in the Junior Section.

An interesting position has arisen in the Second Division with regard to the fight for the championship of this Section. The Royal Engineers, K.C.C. 2nd XI, and Police have each one more match to play; while the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. has two more games. The Royal Engineers appear to stand the best chance of winning the Junior Championship, but it is by no means certain. To win the Second Division honours this season the soldiers have to beat the C.S.C.C. "A," but if they draw or lose this match, the other three teams have a chance. The K.C.C. 2nd XI. have played six matches, won three, drawn two and lost one and have eleven points. They can only win the Second Division Championship if the Royal Engineers lose, and at the best can only equal them in points should they draw. To do this they have to defeat the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. next Saturday afternoon. Should they lose the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. have a chance of winning the Championship in the event of the R.E.'s losing or drawing, provided the H.K.C.C. win their other match against "Varsity" 2nd XI, on March 6th, or of becoming runners-up by drawing with the K.C.C. and winning against the "Varsity." The Police analysis in the table reads the same as the K.C.C. 2nd XI. and their remaining fixture is with the "Varsity," which will give them 14 points if they win and 12 if they draw. The Police can only win the Junior Championship by defeating the "Varsity" and the Royal Engineers lose, the K.C.C. draw or lose to the H.K.C.C. and the H.K.C.C. draw or lose against the "Varsity."

It is interesting to note that in the First Division three clubs, the Royal Navy, Kowloon and Civil Service, have not lost a match this season. The K.C.C., however, have two more matches to play; while the other two clubs have both completed their fixtures. There will be an interesting game on the H.K.C.C. ground next Saturday afternoon between the Home club and the K.C.C.

During this season the Civil Service C.C. 1st XI, who were the champions of the First Division last season, have played nine matches of which they have won three, drawn five and tied one, gaining a total of 15 points. Their highest score was 201 (for 6 wickets) declared against Craigengower Kowloon. The highest total scored against them was 182 (for 6 wickets, declared) by the East Surreys and the lowest 47 by Craigengower. In the nine innings the Civil Service scored 1,318 runs against 1,108. Per wicket the average works out at 20.92 against 14.09. E. C. Fincher leads the batting, his scores for the seven matches in which he took part being 16, 67, 42, 2, 91, 3, 21. G. R. Sayer batted consistently, his scores in seven innings being 35, 44, 4, 28, 35, 51, 36. Both A. E. Wood and F. E. Lawrence gave material assistance in the way of getting runs and their names appear in the averages.

The Navy Juniors have completed their fixtures, and it is interesting to record that Engineer-Lieut. C. R. F. Bennett is the first bowler in the Second Division to take 6 wickets.

The positions in the League Table to date are:—

DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	PTS.
Royal Navy	9	6	3	0	21
Kowloon	7	4	3	0	15
Civil Service	9	3	6	0	15
University	8	4	1	3	13
H.K.C.C.	7	3	2	2	11
R.A.	8	3	1	4	10
Indian R.C.	8	1	3	4	6
Craigengower	5	1	1	4	4
Chinese R.C.	5	1	1	6	4
East Surreys	8	0	3	3	3

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LIQUIDATORS' DISPUTE.

INTERESTING DECISION AT
SINGAPORE.

In deciding that a sum of \$78,004, which had been paid into Court by the Lee Wah Bank as being due on account of transactions between the Bank and the Saigon branch of the Chinese Merchants Bank, Limited, a bank incorporated in Hongkong, which suspended payment in 1924, should be paid to the Hongkong liquidator and not to the Saigon liquidator of the Chinese Merchants Bank the Chief Justice, Sir William Murison, delivered an interesting judgment on the 18th inst.

It is argued first for the Hongkong liquidator, the Chief Justice stated in the course of his judgment, that by appearance in Court here against the Saigon liquidator the former has revoked the authority of the latter to receive the money. It seems to me, however, that the liquidator in each case is the officer of the Court, and that whatever powers they have are derived from the statutory provisions of their respective countries. To say that the Hongkong liquidator can revoke any authority of the liquidator appointed by a Court in another country is to say that the Courts of one country can dictate to the Courts of another, which is an untenable proposition. It is no doubt true that the liquidator in each case is the agent of the Company—or rather is agent for the persons interested in the assets of the defunct Company. But that can concern only the domestic economy of the particular Company; it cannot confer a power to dictate to the liquidator of the Company in another country. In my opinion therefore this Court is free to direct that the money shall be paid to either liquidator.

The general principle in cases of this kind is clear enough. It is laid down thus:—Where there is a liquidation of one concern the general principle is—ascertain what is the domicile of the company in liquidation; let the Court of the country of domicile act as the principal Court to govern the liquidation; and let the other Courts act as ancillary, as far as they can, to the principal liquidation. The domicile of a trading company is fixed by the situation of its principal place of business and there is no doubt at all that in this case the domicile of the liquidating company is Hongkong.

The next question is whether there is anything to displace this general rule. On that point it is argued that the sum in Court represents the balance of account in respect of transactions between Singapore and the Saigon branch and that for the reason the payment should be to the Saigon liquidator. I am not sure how far it is the business of this Court to go into the question of comparative convenience or of equity as between the Hongkong and the Saigon creditors. From affidavits stating the local law in Hongkong and Saigon it seems to be the case that to whichever liquidator the money goes the creditors of the other country can prove with the local creditors, which reduces the matter to a question of convenience and possible expense. There seems to be no authority on the point. The balance of convenience seems clearly, in this case to be in favour of the Saigon side of the question; but, while the matter is easy in this case, I can imagine that in a complicated case this Court might find itself in very great difficulties and I have come to the conclusion that I am not justified in saying that in cases of this kind the Court will weigh the relative claims of different classes of foreign creditors in regard to convenience or expense before deciding the destination of a fund of this kind. This Court in very special cases might do so; for, as I have said, I believe either liquidator could give a good receipt for the money, but I do not think the circumstances in this case justify me in departing from the general rule.

The order I make is that the fund in Court be paid to the liquidator of the country of domicile of the Company—that is to the Hongkong liquidator. The costs of both parties to this issue will be paid out of the fund.

[It appeared from the statement of Counsel in the course of the hearing that one account, covering all transactions, was held between the Chinese Merchants Bank and the Lee Wah Bank. In December, 1921, the manager of the Saigon branch asked for a separate account for his branch and in May, 1922, he pointed out that certain Hongkong items had been wrongly included in the account. To make a correction, a second account for dealings with the Hongkong head office, was opened, both accounts being continued. The Chinese Merchants Bank suspended payment in 1924, and the Lee Wah Bank exercised its right to set off the Hongkong debit of \$24,125.24 against the money they owed to the Saigon branch.

The sum paid into Court represented the Saigon credit, less the Hongkong debit. Mr. Carver produced a cable, sent by the solicitors of the Lee Wah Bank to the Hongkong liquidator, asking if they had any objections to the bank paying the credit of the Saigon branch after the debit of the Hongkong branch had been deducted. They received a reply that no assets were to be released without the instructions of the Hongkong liquidator. The liquidator further stated that the Saigon branch owed Hongkong \$120,000. Proceeding, Mr. Carver read a judgment in the Court at Saigon, which he claimed, showed that according to French law, a foreign creditor in a French insolvency could prove, and could draw a dividend, subject to bringing in account that which he had received from distribution elsewhere.]

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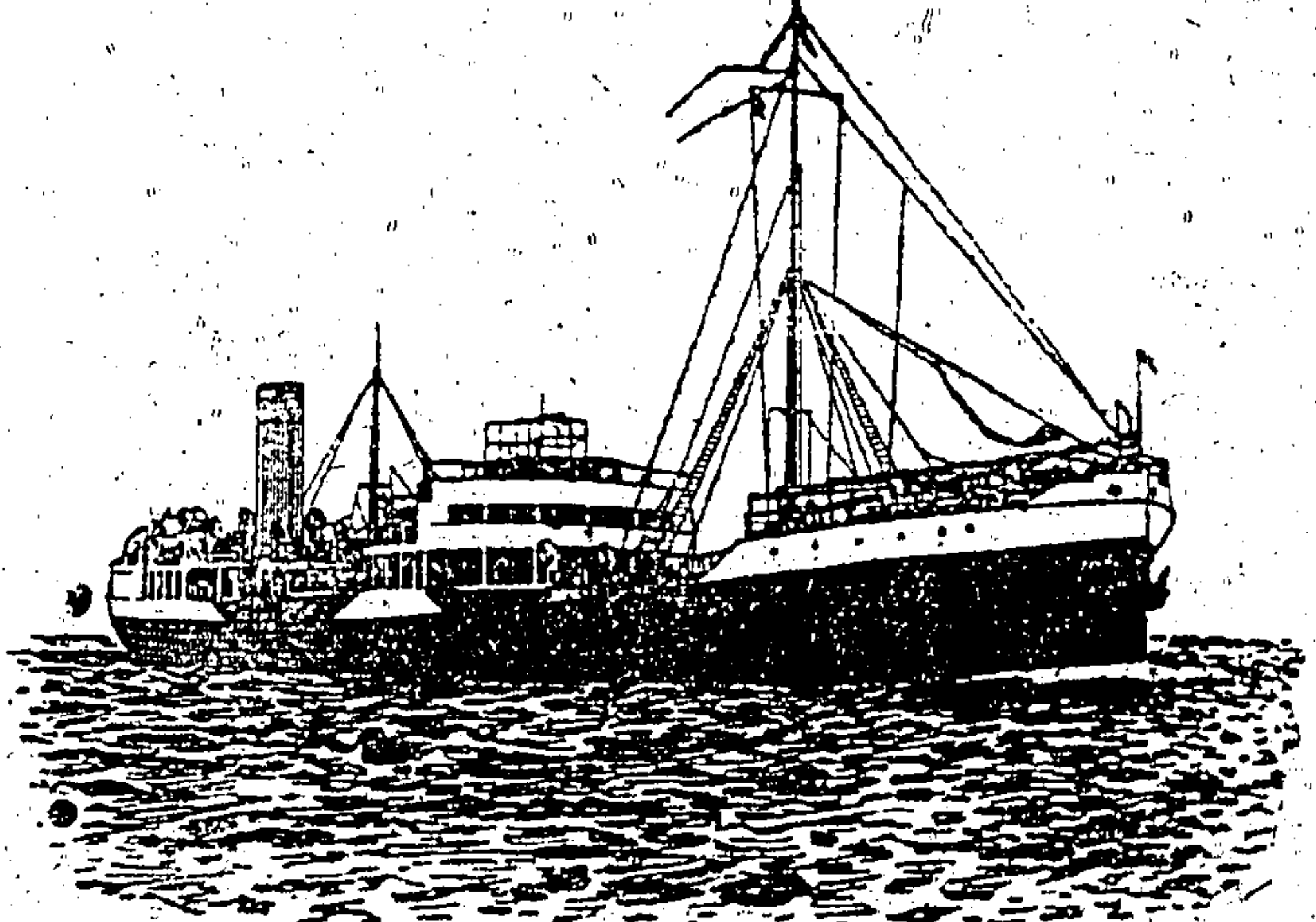
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

February 10th.
Ogama Maru, Japanese str., 2,380 tons, Capt. R. Subana, from Dairen, with 3,200 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10.—M.B.K.

Shinsei Maru, Japanese str., 4,740 tons, Capt. R. Akiyama, from Moji, with 2,145 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

February 20th.

Kluis, British str., 3,560 tons, Capt. H. W. Randall, R.N.R., from London and Singapore, the former port she left on January 15th and the latter on February 15th, with 541 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

President McKinley, American str., 3,400 tons, Capt. A. O. Lustig, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—A.O.L.

Tacoma Maru, Japanese str., 3,642 tons, Capt. J. Kajima, from Moji, with 331 tons of general cargo for Hongkong, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Talghibius, British str., 10,224 tons, Capt. J. Davis, from Liverpool and Singapore, the former port she left on January 5th and the latter on February 14th, with 818 tons of general cargo, lying at Hils Wharf.—B. & S.

Tijkini, Dutch str., 6,064 tons, Capt. P. Napman, from Batavia, with general cargo and sugar, lying at buoy No. A4.—J.C.J.L.

Hui Ying, British str., 332 tons, Capt. W. C. Passmore, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

King Yuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. R. T. Stephens, from Bangkok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Kobu Maru, Japanese str., 2,007 tons, Capt. U. Okubo, from Saigon, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B23.—O.S.K.

Trinidad, British str., 3,100 tons, Capt. W. L. Cruickshank, from Balikpapan, with 2,200 tons of bulk oil, lying at A.P.C. Wharf, North Point.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

CLEARANCES.

February 20th.

Chipchick, for Tsingtau.
Chung King, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Confucius, for Saigon.
Kijip Maru, for Swatow.
Kuying, for Hoihow.
Kluis, for Shanghai.
President McKinley, for Shanghai.
Shinsei Maru, for Singapore.
Sunchow, for Shanghai.
Gurjindar, for Singapore.
Sui Sang, for Shanghai.
Tijkini, for Batavia.
Vancover Maru, for Singapore.

February 21st.

Atsuka Maru, for Shanghai.
Tacoma Maru, for Singapore.
Trinidad, for Shanghai.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The week-end shipping statement showed that the number of vessels in the harbor at 9 a.m. on Saturday was 68, of which 32 were British and at the same hour yesterday morning 62, of which 28 were British.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday numbered viz. two British, one American and two Japanese. The departures over the same period came to eleven. For the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday there were eight arrivals, viz. three British, three Japanese, one American and one Dutch. Departures over the same period numbered fifteen.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.)
For Hongkong 3,447 tons.
For ports beyond 14,028
Total 17,475

(During previous 24 hours ended at a.m. on Saturday.)
For Hongkong 3,599 tons.
For ports beyond 12,782
Total 16,381

SHIPPING NOTES.

An enquiry into the grounding of the British ship *Sponner*, at Tree Island, Singapore, on January 20th, was held last week. The master of the vessel, Mr. James Thomas, was found guilty of negligence. No action was taken with regard to his certificate as the vessel sustained no material damage, and there was no loss of life. The President of the Court remarked:—"It is within the knowledge of the Court that within the last twelve months, at least three vessels have grounded on Tree Island, which although in each individual case, careless navigation was probably the cause of the accident, the Court consider the charts and sailing directions do not give sufficient information as to currents in this locality."

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Kobe on Saturday, leaves at 6 a.m. on Sunday, and is due at Nagasaki to-day (February 22nd), at 8 a.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Empress of Asia (C.P.S.), due February 27th.
Denholm (Ben Line), due February 25th.
Kluis (P. & O.), due to-day, about 9 a.m.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Kluis*, from London, on February 20th:—Miss Acheson, Mr. A. D. Armour, Mr. and Mrs. Allwright, Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, Mr. J. B. Bruce, Mr. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bateman, Mr. E. Bishop, Mr. S. M. Burdett, Mr. N. Breasley, Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mrs. L. J. Baker, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Miss M. Outhbert, Mr. J. H. Cameron, Mr. J. P. Coghill, Mr. and Mrs. Clark and three children, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Crowther, Mr. D. Cameron, Mr. L. J. Davies, Surg.-Lt. Drennan, Mr. H. R. Dobson, Mr. J. H. Drummond, Miss Dresser, Mr. F. W. Foster, Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. R. Genter, Miss S. Goch, Miss Griffiths, Mr. P. J. Green, Mrs. Gilvin, Mr. J. Grieve, Dr. and Mrs. Greenberg, Mr. Geyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hallett, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hemley, Mr. J. C. Hogg, Capt. and Mrs. W. Hook, Miss D. M. Hunt, Mr. A. E. Handley, Mr. E. W. Jeffery, Mr. R. A. Jardine, Mr. E. Kandamall, Mr. F. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Lippson, Mrs. Livingston, Mr. F. E. Lawrie, Mr. W. B. Lamb, Mr. J. H. Lambert, Mr. H. Le Loach, Mr. McDougall, Mr. D. Macdonald, Mrs. Mackay and child, Mr. R. E. Murray, Mr. D. A. Malcolm, Miss F. S. Major, Mr. R. P. Mildren, Lt. R. F. Nicholls, Mr. G. Porter, Mr. O'Neill Lane and infant, Mr. G. Porterfield, Mr. R. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Purslow and infant, Mr. G. C. Price, Mr. A. T. Platt, Mr. H. Prophet, Mr. C. B. Robertson, Mr. J. Roberts, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. A. B. Raworth, Mrs. H. Roberts, Mr. H. Reloomal, Mr. T. H. Rhodes Disher, Miss E. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sabej, Mr. R. P. Shaw, Mr. W. H. Stopford, Mr. H. P. Singer, Mr. J. B. Stewart, Miss E. Stewart, Mr. C. H. Sharp, Miss Summers, Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Mr. P. J. Tacchi, Mr. W. Tweedie, Mrs. A. E. Thompson, Mr. A. Urwin, Mr. E. Van Sitteren, Mr. H. Worthington Wilson.

Per Admiral Oriental liner *President McKinley*, from Manila, on Feb. 20th:—Miss O. Bridges, Miss P. Besom, Mr. J. E. Britto, Mr. W. F. Barnes, Mr. R. D. Bunn, Mr. Chan, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ellis, Mr. A. S. M. Johnson, Mrs. E. de Jesus, Mr. S. M. C. D. Lambert, Mr. L. Ha, Miss M. Letzig, Mr. Ng, Mrs. Suan, Miss L. Ozorio, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Parker, Mr. B. Pangantjau, Mr. A. Pluickin, Mr. T. Ramsay, Mr. H. J. Russell, Mr. W. S. Smith, Mr. J. M. Silos, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Willey, Mrs. M. Brill, Mr. T. C. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clow, Mr. A. H. Cobb, Prof. F. Griggs, Mr. P. G. Hudson, Mrs. J. Jenkins, Mr. M. Levy, Mrs. F. J. Mayers, Mrs. H. G. Ozorio, Lt. V. B. Riden, Mrs. A. M. Tietenbacher, Mr. M. W. Vaughan, Miss Amy Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Davidson, Mrs. W. A. Gilmore, Dr. A. B. Talbot, Mrs. T. Thompson.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Kluis*, on February 21st:—Mr. G. P. Pike, Miss Stings, Mr. and Mrs. S. Collett, Mrs. H. M. Mann, Miss Mann, Mr. R. F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wynne Jones and two infants, Mrs. C. A. Middleton-Smith, Mr. E. A. Whiteside, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hampton, Mr. H. Preston, Mrs. G. Stubbing, Mr. R. B. Healy, Lt.-Col. V. P. Alleyne, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burdett, Mr. G. McLeod, Miss M. E. Boaz, Mr. W. Sandgrove, Mr. H. Anderson, Mr. I. Goldman, Miss L. Blackmore, Mr. and Mrs. A. Palmer, Mr. H. Davis, Mr. F. A. King, Mrs. C. E. Coulhan, Miss K. Nightingale, Mr. D. R. Davies, Mr. C. E. Mott, Mrs. A. H. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sutherland, Miss Begley, Mrs. Emanuel, Miss Emanuel, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Davies, Mr. E. Buckhouse, Comdr. F. H. Buckmaster, Mr. E. Fieldstead, Mr. R. C. Wallace, Miss Lamb, Sgt. and Mrs. S. Bell and infant, Mr. W. H. Milton, Mrs. F. E. E. Booker and five children, Mr. W. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Brown, Miss M. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Haskett, Miss A. M. Parke, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kochevar, Miss Kochevar, Mr. W. Mulvaney, Mrs. C. C. Todd, Miss Todd, Mr. I. Hinzdo, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Pringle and infant, Mr. M. Mulstre, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brooksbank and two children, Mr. L. Thorbjornsen, Mr. E. Reay, Mr. A. Hoalim, Miss M. Mawer, Miss M. G. Neve, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bryan, Mr. R. Fox.

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 21st.			
	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Day at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.04	30.01	29.97
Temperature	59	59	59
Humidity	79	93	88
Wind Direction	WNW	ENE	E
Force	1	3	4
Weather	0	0	OD
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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 18
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 16	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	May 2
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 1	May 9
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 30	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 13
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 30
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 21	May 24	May 27	May 29	June 6
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 13
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 12	June 20
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 11	June 14	June 17	June 19	June 27
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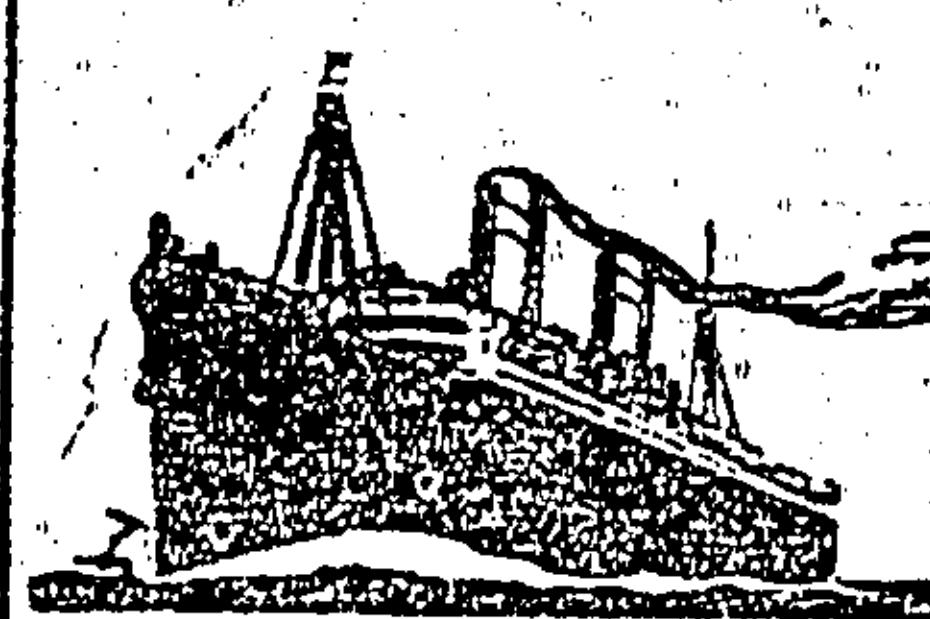
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